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# London

hospital workers fight to save jobs

By JUL SHERMAN AND JEREMY LAURANCE

THE government was last night facing a fresh political storm as health service workers pledged to campaign vigorously against plans to close some of London's top hospitals with the loss of up to 20,000 jobs.

The proposals in the long awaited report from Sir Bernard Tombinson could lead to a wave of industrial action as well as a political furore as intense as that over the pit closures. Fifteen hos-pitals should be closed or prias should be closed or merged, with the loss of 2,500 beds, and the money saved switched into community health services, the enquiry concluded.

The closures would mean the loss of some of the most famous teaching hospitals including St. Bartholomew's and Charing Cross, and the merger of Guy's with St



and mergers would free Il sites or part sites, which should be sold or used for medical purmade clear yesterday pitals being closed. The government accepts that London has too many beds," she said. Health ministers have made clear that no decisions report as an excuse for

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By SHETIA GUNN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT Tory backbenchers are beginning to JOHN Major attempted to head off opposition from Con-Maastricht treaty — and the prime servative Euro-sceptic MPs minister is already making more yesterday by conceding that the bill to ratify the Maastricht

treaty would not be railroaded through Parliament before Following warnings from the executive of the backbench 1922 committee

on Thursday night, Mr Major decided to relax the timetable for the bill's ratification in order to allow room for extended debate on the economy.

But Lord Tebbit, veteran campaigner for the Eurosceptics, urged MPs not to be swayed by any threat from the prime minister to resign if Britain failed to ratify the treaty. He said that the replacement of Mr Major was not "too difficult" a matter.

"Maastricht is roore important than any individual and. therefore, whether the prime minister would resign or not is not material in the terms of the debate." he said.

It was Lord Tebbit's belief that Mr Major's resignation would not result in a general election. The prime minister, he said, had "tied himself" to David Mellor, the European exchange-rate mechanism and pit closures, but had stood by none of them.

To add to the government's moubles, Sir Rhodes Boyson, a member of the 1922 execuflex new-found muscles — this time on the concessions to their power

tive, said yesterday that he had backed the Maastricht bill in the spring but would now vote against it as irrelevant to Britain's economic problems.

The prime minister, however, stuck by his commitment to bring back the Maastricht legislation next month, when a paving debate in the Commons is planned. The bill will also be debated line by line in

Mr Major's emollient line indicated that he expected only limited progress to be made before Christmas. He told senior Tories that the bill would not be "railroaded" through the Commons. But this makes it unlikely that Britain will ratify before Denmark holds a second ref-

erendum next year. As a small concession to senior Tory backbenchers who have called for the bill to be held back until next year, the prime minister has promised an early and extended debate on the Autumn Statement, setting out the government's spending plans for next year. That is designed to appease MPs who question the prime minister's decision to make the ratification process his



Lord Tebbic Major's resignation unimportant

priority at a time of a deepening economic recession. After talks between Mr Major and Sir Marcus Fox, chairman of the 1992 committee, Downing Street made clear yesterday that work on the bill would be interspersed

with debates on other

However, the decision for slower progress on the Maastricht bill is seen as recognition by Mr Major that, as his whips have warned him, Conservative MPs cannot be forced to endure long or allnight sittings for days on end.

With a Commons majority of only 21, every vote counts. Some whips are understood to be arguing for a delay to the Maastricht bill until next Jannary, when Britain hands over the EC presidency to Denmark.

Later Iain Duncan-Smith, the new Tory MP for Chingford and a fervent Eurosceptic, said most backbenchers thought the government would be "unwise" to push through the Maastricht bill: "Something that is likely to cause divisions within the party at this stage would not be a particularly good idea."

In contrast, Peter Temple-

Morris, MP for Leorninster, was all for seeing through the ratification process as soon as possible. It was difficult for Mr Major to show leadership when he was being "sniped at from the hills above by a motiey band of rebels".

Kenneth Clarke, the Home Secretary, argued last night that ministers could not go to December's summit in Edinburgh and tell other EC leaders that Britain had not started work on the Maastricht bill because of the 1922 committee.

Speaking on Channel Four news, he said he believed that the bulk of the Tory party agreed with him. He also hoped for some decent progress" on the bill by

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## El Alamein remembered

yesterday to take part in the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Battle of El Alamein, a decisive engagement in the second world war in which General Montgomery's 8th Army defeated Ger-man and Italian forces under Field Marshal Rommel. The prime minister will also meet President Mubarak in Cairo today for talks on achieving more stability in the Middle

## China warns Patten

As Chris Patten ended his three-day visit to Peking yesterday, China gave a thinly veiled hint that it might fo-

# Convicted: Jean-Pierre Allain, director of East Anglia's transfusion service, leaving court in Paris yesterday after being sentenced to four years

By Harvey Elliott AIR CORRESPONDENT

BA buys

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Dan-Air

DAN-AIR. Britain's oldest airline, was sold yesterday for £1 to British Airways. More than 1,400 staff based at Gatwick will lose their jobs and the name Dan-Air will disappear as it is

absorbed into a new low-cost operation combining BA's existing European services and some of Dan-Air's scheduled Passengers booked to fly

with Dan-Air, either on char-ter or scheduled services, will have their tickets honoured and be transferred either onto other carriers or the continued Dan-Air scheduled services.

The agreement came after three days of almost non-stop

Shareholders in Davies & Newman, the Dan-Air holding company, have been left with nothing after the sale of most of the company assets to British Airways, despite several cash injections into the ailing airline. The shares re-main suspended and are effectively worthless .... Page 19

negotiations and pressure from Michael Heseltine, president of the board of trade. and John MacGregor, the transport secretary, who were determined to avoid another embarrassing airline collapse that could have left thousands of passengers stranded.

Under the terms of the deal. British Airways has agreed to settle the liabilities of Dan-Air's parent company, Davies and Newman, which will be wound up. The total cost to BA, including redundancy payments, will be between £30 million and £35 million. The entire charter operation will be disbanded and aircraft returned or sold. Between 400 and 600 of Dan-Air's permanent staff of 2,000 will be kept on and the rest will be made

The agreement is subject to approval by the regulatory authorities and rival airlines such as Britannia, British Midland and Virgin are de-

manding an enquiry.

Lord King of Wartnaby, the BA chairman, said last night that the deal was preferable to receivership and complete shutdown. David James, Dan-Air chairman and company doctor, said that the outcome was unfortunate but insisted that it was better than receivership.

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## **Blood bank** chief jailed for role in HIV scandal

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

THE former director of the French transfusion service was sentenced to four years' jail yesterday for allowing blood contaminated with HIV to be given to hundreds of haemophiliacs. In an epilogue to a scandal that has tainted ministers and brought disgrace on the French health system, the court also sentenced Jean-Pierre Allain, pro-fessor of transfusional medicine at Cambridge University, to four years in prison, two of them suspended.

Michel Garretta, an ambitious career administrator, was absent from the 16th Correctional Chamber for the verdicts, an emotional session attended by families of victims and haemophiliacs who have contracted the HIV virus from transfusions. Two hundred and fifty-six have died from Aids since Garretta ordered blood stocks to be used for several months in 1985 to save money and national pride despite knowing they were contaminated. The three-judge court issued a warrant for Garretta's arrest but his lawyer said he was returning voluntarily from Boston and

Militants from the Aids organisation, Act-Up, protested as the families denounced the verdicts as a travesty. demanding action against ministers at the time. Last week a parliamentary committee rejected a call to impeach Laurent Fabius, the former prime minister. Georgina Dufoix, the former health minister and Edmond Hervé. her former deputy. Without impeachment ministers cannot be prosecuted for actions committed in the course of their duties. Magistrates are considering demands by the families for poisoning charges to be brought against Garretta and the other administrators.

was expected to appeal.

Garretta and Allain, the blood centre's former research director, were charged with deception over the basic qualities of a product", an offence usually applied to the sale of consumer goods and foodstuffs. Garretta's penalty was the maximum allowed. He was also fined 500,000 francs (£60,000) and his service was ordered to pay more than £1 million in damages.

Jacques Roux, the former director of the health division of the justice ministry, was given a suspended sentence of four years for "non-assistance to a person in danger". Robert Netter, the former director of the National Health Laboratory, was acquitted on the same

In the seven-week trial last summer, prosecutors painted Garretta, 46, as a cold-hearted bully who refused to dispose of the centre's expensive stocks, or buy foreign equipment to decontaminate blood waiting instead for the Pasteur Institute to develop its own system. The court heard harrowing testimony from alling pa-tients. Parents and wives described their sense of berrayal at the hands of the medical establishment as they watched

their kin die. The judges ruled that Garretta, who is not a medical practitioner or an Aids expert. was unquestionably the inspirer and the prime mover of the transfusion policy and he benefited from the complicity of Allain, a blood specialist. Allain, who is also policy director of the East Anglian transfusion centre, said yesterday that he was a scapegoat for policy decisions by higher officials. "I was convicted by the press and the public before the trial," he said.

Garretta maintained throughout his trial that he Continued on page 3, col 5

# Major yields to new Euro-sceptic revolt

Bottomiey: "Too many hospitals

poses, the enquiry says.

Virginia Bottomley,
the health secretary. that she accepted the thrust of the proposals and would approve hos-UT NEW SUITE hospitals and too many will be made without consultation - contrasting with the original pit closure programme. Labour MPs accused the government of using the health service cuts rather than improving services.

Sir Bernard yesterday emphasised the need for extra investment in GP and community health

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## Not Today thank you, say Mirror staff to new chief

By BRIAN MACARTHUR

IOURNALISTS on the Daily Mirror stopped working yes-terday in prosest at the appointment of David Montcomery, a former editor of the News of the World and Today, as the new chief executive of Mirror Group Newspapers and it was unlikely last night that the paper would be published today.

A meeting of journalists and secretaries on the Mirror and its two sister Sunday papers, the Sunday Mirror and The People, voted by 249-3 to stop work until the unpopular appointment of Mr Montgomery had been revoked Journalists claimed that Mr Montgomery was a

style of editorship, learnt while editing Murdoch newspapers, was entirely hostile to everything the Daily Mirror stood for.

Mr Montgomery, an Ulster Protestant who started his Fleet Street career on the Daily Mirror in 1973, is expected to implement a ruthless programme to cut costs. mainly by sacking editorial and production staff, so that the profits of MGN are boosted before it is sold.

Mr Montgomery's first editorial victim was Joe Haines, "sacker and union buster". A the Mirror's former leader union statement said that his writer, who resigned rather

Haines once wrote of Mr. Montgomery: "Fleet Street had some bad editors, but to be a liar, a thief, a hypocrite, a bigot and a pornographer is to be unique. Montgomery of Alamein is an honoured Anglo-Irish name. Montgomery of Wapping is a scoundrel." He has made few friends

and many enemies on his rise through Fleet Street. His ruthless management style made him unpopular. His new appointment is the culmination of a career founded on single-minded determination, an extraordinary dedication to hard work and an uncanny ability to come back from seemingly impossible

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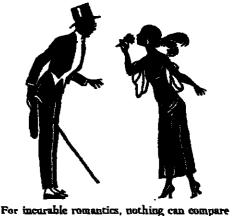
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By KATE ALDERSON

WHEN Keira Davidson was

born a year ago in Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospi-

tal her heart and lungs col-lapsed. She would have died if

she had not received specialist treatment in the west London hospital, senior medical staff told her mother, Valerie.

"I heard the news on the radio this morning that the government are proposing to shut down this hospital, the one that saved my daughter's Hie," Mrs Davidson said. " was shaking with anger. This is a specialist hospital which

knows about babies and

women. Ordinary hospitals do not have the facilities

Mrs Davidson's baby is one of the 4,000 delivered every

year at Queen Charlotte's, a specialist maternity, gynaecology and paediatric hospital recognised as a national centre of excellence.

The hospital's 208 beds are used by women and babies from all over Britain, as well as London. Yesterday its future

was uncertain after the Tomlinson report recom-mended that it should close

The Hammersmith and

Queen Charlotte's Special

Health Authority cautiously

welcomed the report. Two

years ago the hospital escaped

dosure. The plan to move it to

Hammersmith was dropped

after it was decided that the

sale of the site would not raise

enough money for new build-

Nursing staff were angry yesterday that they had not been aware earlier of the

ings at Hammersmith.

and the site be sold.

## Tories face cross-party fight over hospital closures

By JILL SHERMAN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government has accepted the main thrust of the Tomlinson report that London has too many hospitals and too many beds. Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, told MPs yesterday.

During her Commons statement it became clear that she faces a cross-party political dispute and a concerted campaign to save some of London's top hospitals and thousands of jobs over the next few months.

Matthew Carrington, Con-servative MP for Fulham, fired the first warning shot. "The proposal to close the Charing Cross Hospital will be met with considerable suspicion and much opposition," he told Mrs Bottomley.

MPs and local groups are expected to exploit the government's capitulation over the pit closure programme and health ministers are now going out of their way to avoid a similar debade. While indicating that she supported many of the Tomlinson recommendations, which include the closure or merging of about ten hospitals, Mrs Bottomley emphasised that no big decisions would be taken without consulting concerned parties. Detailed proposals will be announced early next

Commons yesterday in what is likely to be a concerted campaign to save some of London's top hospitals from closure

year when the formal consultation period starts.

■ The first shots were fired in the

The key recommendations, which will result in 2,500 fewer acute beds, include closing St Bartholomew's Hospital and merging it with the Royal London: merging St Thomas's and Guy's hospitals on one site and using the alternative site for other health purposes: closing the Middle-sex Hospital; closing Queen Charlotte's Hospital with maternity services provided at

Tomlinson: thrust of plans accepted

neighbouring maternity units and closing the Royal National Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital with its services merged with University Coll-

ege Hospital. The Hospital for Tropical Diseases would be closed and merged with the redeveloped University College Hospital. Charing Cross would close as an acute hospital but would be the new home for a range of specialist services including the Royal Brompton and Royal Marsden hospitals.

In the longer term the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for Children would merge with the Homerton Hospital. The London medical schools and postgraduate institutes would be merged within four faculties of medicine in London University colleges and more money would be put into GP and community services.

"Achieving the changes necessary will mean some difficult Mrs Bottomley said. "The government's overriding aim is to improve the health services in London and for Londoners." A special im-

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off more.

plementation unit is being set up to start assessing the impact of the changes.

Mrs Bottomley said that the

government welcomed Sir Bernard Tomlinson's broad conclusions - following his prediction there could be up to 7,000 surplus beds in London by the end of the decade which were in line with earlier reports, such as one from the

King's Fund.
"The government accepts the widely accepted view that London has too many hospitals and too many beds. Change in this area is essential is we are to avoid the risks highlighted in the report of a spiral of decline in London's hospitals and if we are to secure the benefits of a switch to more primary and community care. I must stress however, that his report is advice to government, not

government policy." The report had identified the over-provision of services, including more acute beds and higher spending than areas outside the city. Health spending for each inner-London resident was 20 per cent greater than the average for London in 1992-3.

Mrs Bottomley said: "We shall ensure that full account is taken of the implications for NHS staff working in London, and the need for joint planning with education and



research interests of NHS changes which affect them." Formal public consultation should now start on integrating the management of St Bartholomew's Hospital with the Royal London and St Thomas with Guy's. That did not imply an acceptance that any specific hospital would

During questions later Mrs. Bottomley hinted at redundancies among consultant staff. "If we are to have a redeployment of staff from the acute side into the community side there will need to be changes. Some of the consultants will need to think of their

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## 'Provinces would | 'Big questions are like London's fat'

THE theoretical arguments in favour of Sir Bernard Tomlinson's drastic proposals are clear. The fall in hospital beds in London in recent decades has not been paralleled by a reduction in the number of consultants (James Lefanu writes).

There are too many specialists in London (many having too little to do) and too few in the far-flung provinces. The two consultant neurologists based in Portsmouth who serve the whole South West of England will be more than grateful for an extra pair of hands.

The goal of fewer hospital beds has been chieved by closing small 'out-of-date' hospitals leaving the great metropolitan teaching institutions untouched. So, if an elderly lady trips on a pavement in Southwark there is nowhere else for her to go other than the high-rise block of Guy's Hospital, where she will stay perhaps for months 'blocking a bed' for those who might benefit from the unique skills of Guy's doctors.

The proposed closures and rationalisations should save £400 million a year. But they won't. And the sale of redundant hospital sites should release a capital sum of £1.2 billion, which could provide more suitable (and less expensive) facilities for the capital's increasingly elderly

and health-care-hungry residents.

The hardest task for those carrying out Sir Bernard's recommendations will be to ensure that the world-class excellence of St Bart's in the treatment of childhood cancer, of Charing Cross's neurosurgical unit, of the Middlesex's neurology services, or of St Thomas's eye specialists is not dissipated. Once lost, their standards will never easily be regained.

□ James Lefanu is a London GP and

# left unanswered'

WE ARE not against the principles of Tomlinson, but it is disheartening to find that Tomlinson does not seem to have appreciated or understood how we were working on the ground to achieve his own objectives (Charles Croft writes).

It has to be said that Tominson has not answered one of the big questions posed by the existing structure of health care in London: how do you fund vital research and education and deal with its impact on clinical services? We also take exception to the statement that the hospital "is in some financial difficulty" and is unsustainable as a sino details are offered on how the Tomlinson enquiry arrived at such a conclusion

The Royal National Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital made a surplus in 1991-2 and is in surplus for the first six months of 1992-3. Activity has increased by 51 per cent since April 1991 and waiting times have dropped to an average of ten weeks for admission, with no

patients waiting loager than a year.

Any vulnerability this hospital has is not through lack of parthasing health authority support, as implied by Tomlinson, but rather because our international role in medical education and research, representing some 20 per cent of our costs, has not been funded since

to have got to grips with the impact of medical education and research on clinical services, a problem which is epitomised by the RNTNE's position.

Charles Croft is a clinical director at the

It is unfortunate that the report appears not

Royal National Throat, Nose and Ear

## Sir Bernard tolls bell for capital's palaces of disease

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

TOO much is spent on London's expensive, high-pro-file teaching hospitals and not enough on low-tech GP services. Sir Bernard Tomlinson has concluded at the end of his year-long enquiry. His report sets the bell

tolling for London's palaces of disease, which have controlled the delivery of health care in the capital for more than a century. It calls for a "shift of focus" with a big switch of funds to local communities. The acute hospitals dominate the scene, and insufficient attention is paid to the health services delivered in the community by GPs, health visitors

The recommendations mark a return to the planning of services, as under the prereform NHS, rather than letting the market take its course. Sir Bernard said: "It clearly is against the philosophy of the health service changes to have planning on

and others," he said.

report on the BBC (October 22) stated that the government had no plans to replace Sir Michael Checkland, the direcior-general; the reference should have been to Marmaduke Hussey, chairman of the governors. The error occurred in editing the

the scale we envisage but we believe it is necessary." Spending per resident on hospitals in inner London will be a fifth higher this year than the average for England, even after allowing for higher costs in the capital and higher rates

of illness. London has over 50

per cent more hospital beds

per 1,000 people than the rest of the country. In contrast, spending on GP services is lower per head than in other inner cities and the service is poor. London GPs are older, practise in poorer premises with fewer staff, and achieve dramatically lower rates of cervical screening and childhood immunisations. There are a third fewer district nurses per resident over 75

and the cost is twice that in

Improving GP services would reduce pressure on the hospitals. Sir Bernard said. however, that investment would be needed before the ciosures could go ahead. There has to be some money fed in in the first place to improve primary and community care before you can close hospitals. A great deal of improvement could be made

for £150 million." Change is inevitable because of the twin pressures of the market and improving efficiency in the hospitals. Aimost a quarter of patients treated in inner London hospi-

capital, but under the NHS market outlying districts will arrange for more of their patients to be treated in local cheaper hospitals.

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All hospitals are treating patients more quickly and providing more day surgery, reducing the need for beds. On present trends, the number of beds needed per 1,000 from 19.7 to 12.8 over the

next five years, freeing 3,300. The report estimates that between 4,320 and 5,545 beds may become surplus to requirements out of the total 11,302 in inner London but the eventual surplus could be much larger. The closures and mergers if recommends would lead to the loss of 4,200 heds of which 1,700 are already temporarily closed by hospitals trying to cut costs. Further beds are likely to be lost from the specialist hospitals after reviews of individual specialties recommended in the

Up to 680 consultant post could go as a result of the bed closures but the exact figure will depend on the result of the specialty reviews. They should be helped to move to other NHS jobs within or outside London, the report says. No figure is put on the loss of nursing posts but some may be absorbed by expanding GP services in inner London and

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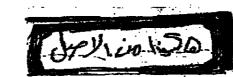


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## PC escapes jail term after naralysing hoy after paralysing boy in hit-and-run crash

By A STAFF REPORTER

AN OFF-DUTY policeman who paralysed a schoolboy in a hit-and-run car crash was fined £3,800 and banned from driving for seven years yesterday. A magistrate told PC Anthony Metcalfe, 29. who had been drinking before the accident, that he wished he could jail him for his "abominable crime.

Andrew Ward, 14. suffered horrific head injuries and was left paralysed, unable to communicate and completely dependent on his parents. Antonis Georges, for the prosecution, told Liverpool magistrates that a witness had heard a noise and looked out of his window to see a car driving at high speed and a figure being flung through the air and landing on a grass verge.

"Andrew suffered extremely serious injuries and was in a critical condition for some time," Mr Georges said. "He was in hospital for six months afterwards and still attends as an outpatient. He is unable to

speak and has no independent daily living.
The defendant was driving

the car without due care and attention and he did not inform the police of the accident until seven hours afterwards. That day he had been to a niece's christening and he said he had drunk four pints of mild. It may be that he was concerned he would be breathalysed and that is why he waited some house he for he waited seven hours before reporting the accident."

Metcalfe, a father of three,

of West Derby, Liverpool, pleaded guilty to driving his Ford Escort without due care and attention on December 1 last year. He also admitted charges of failing to stop after an accident and failing to report the accident as soon as

Patrick McLoughlin, for the defence, said: "My client's brother-in-law had called him up in a state of considerable

single and nearly half were

under 30. But single people were rarely given leadership, and were sidelined instead

into youth work, babysitting

and taking Sunday school

Although nationally one

household in four (nearly six

million people) consists of one

person, only one in five of the

ministers and clergy surveyed

thought that they served single

Mr Chilcraft called for "sin-

gles services". Traditions such

as Mothering Sunday and family services could leave

single people feeling like sec-ond-class citizens, he said.

distress, with a call for assistance which led to him driving u the time. He has been instructed not to drink too much alcohol because of medication for a blood-pressure problem and I am instructed that he had obeyed that instruction on this day and he did not wish to outrun the

breathalyser."
Mr McLoughlin added:
"Mr Metcalle did not offer any explanation as to why he failed to stop and so I am unable to do so. My client has already indicated he ought to have seen this young boy much earlier — it was a matter of momentary inattention. He wants to express his deep regret and hopes that a full recovery may be possible."

Stipendiary magistrate David Tapp said: This is indeed a tragic case and I would like to extend my sincere sympathy to the family of Andrew, although I realise it won't help them with their difficulties and suffering.

"But my powers in this case are severely limited and I have to sentence on the degree of carelessness and not on the consequences. It is difficult for me to imagine a worse case of careless driving, or a worse case of failing to stop and failing to report an accident."

He told Metcalfe: "If I had the power to, then I would have committed you to prison for the longest term possible so you could realise the seriousness with which I view this case. I suppose you will pick up the pieces of the rest of your life, but the family of Andrew will find that very difficult.

"I have found it very difficult to find any mitigation. I am satisfied that you were travelling at a grossly excessive speed. You hit this boy and left him lying in the road so you could attend a family squabble. That is difficult to comprehend. Your driving was so abominable that I am also going to disqualify you until you can pass a test

Andrew's father, William, 45, of West Derby, said after the hearing: "I cannot say I am happy, but the magistrate did everything he could within his powers. The doctors can-not say whether there is any chance of recovery. Progress is very slow and they can't give us any hope. It is all up to Andrew." His wife Anne, 45, is on a pilgrimage to Lourdes with their son.

Merseyside police will now decide whether Meltcalfe should lose his job. A spokesman for the force said: "The officer has been served with disciplinary papers according to legal procedures at the conclusion of court proceed-ings. Normal disciplinary procedures will now take place."

Sea watch: men of the Special Boat Service training at Faslane to intercept protesters' boats as the nuclear submarine Vanguard, first of the

Trident class to be built at Barrow-in-

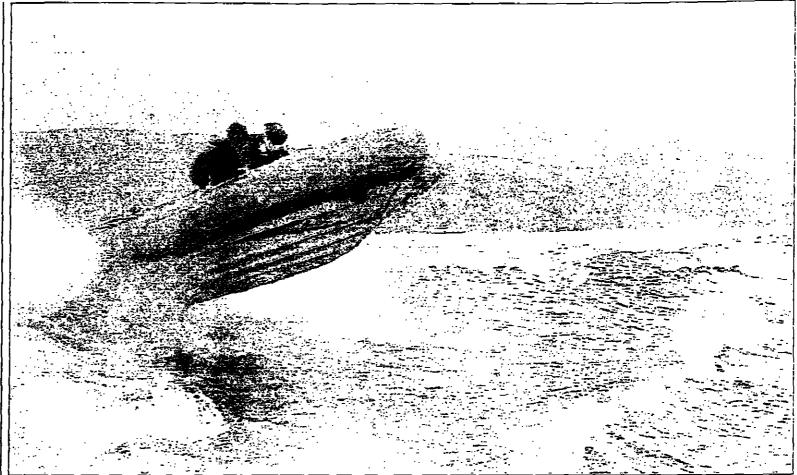
Furness, headed for the Clyde base

from Barrow. She had slipped out to

sea on yesterday's early tide to

protests from anti-nuclear campaigners (Ronald Faux writes). The narrow channel between Walney Island and the mainland was declared an exclusion zone, foiling plans for a seaborne protest. Police stopped vehicles towing rubber boats and told protesters that for safety reasons no boats could be launched from the shore while Vanguard was making its way from the VSEL yard to open water. One protester said that police confiscated the keys to his van and kept them for half an hour. Helen Fenton, a sales assistant from Hackney, northeast London, and a CND

member, said the plan had been to go alongside Vanguard with flags and banners. "We were not going to block it because that would have been too dangerous. We just wanted to alert people to what is going on." A bigger protest is planned at Faslane, Vanguard's base, during sea trials.



## Young lonely hearts seek love in church

By Ruth Gledhill RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

SINGLE people are turning to the church to find marriage partners, according to a report published today. Its authors say that churches are increasingly popular as a place to meet partners because young men and women know they will not be pressured into premarital sex and one-night

The report, published by the Evangelical Alliance, criticises churches for failing to cater adequately for the large numbers of young, single people turning to God. It says that churches are prejudiced against single people and promote married life as not just the norm but as superior

to being single. Steve Chilcraft, a research consultant and author of the report, said that in spite of the failure to cater adequately for them, single people, of whom there were more than many realised, were turning to the church because of an "endemic loneliness" which meant they had nowhere else to go to feel safe.

"Most single people who go to church are not the sort who are likely to go to a singles' bar or disco at the local pub. The image of those places is to find a sexual parmer," Mr Chilcraft said. "Single Christians believe in sex within marriage and not outside it or before it. These people seek to uphold traditional views of marriage and morality, but nonetheless want to be able to form good permanent relationships with other people. The church is a natural place

for them to do this." The survey, of 300 dergy and ministers serving nearly 37,000 evangelical churchgoers of different denomin-ations, found that one third of

THE SUNDAY TIMES

A Yank at Oxford

On the liner bound for Southampton, 22-

year-old Bill Clinton marvelled at the sight of Manhattan slipping

away. Leaning on the rail alongside him were some of America's most-favoured sons,

Rhodes scholars bound for Oxford. For a

small-town boy from

the wrong side of the

tracks, Clinton knew

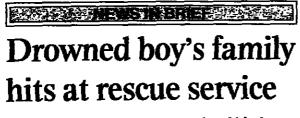
this was a special moment; a suitably romantic departure from the country of his birth and the start of

an adventure in "swinging" Britain.

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in The Sunday Times



The family of a drowned teenager yesterday criticised rescue services for failing to find their son's three friends, who survived after drifting in a small boat in the Bristol Channel survived after drifting in a small boat in the Bristot Chainel for two days and nights last June. A search for the boys. Gareth and Stephen Evans, both 15, and Gareth Smith, 18, was abandoned almost 24 hours before they were found. Their comments came after John Owen, the Carmarthen coroner, ruled that their son, Simon Roberts, 19, a trainee accountant from Animanford, died accidentally swimping for the best best of the date accidentally swimping. for help. His death, he said, had also been caused by lack of safety equipment on the boys' 12ft speedboat. He said the boys might have been spotted if they had flares and lights.

## Murdered girl named

A 14-year-old girl found battered to death near a golf course at Stockport, Greater Manchester, on Thursday night was named yesterday as Dawn Susan Feast of Reddish, Stockport. Police said that she had suffered many blows to the head with a blunt instrument and that a man was being

## Cow disease in decline

"Mad cow" disease, which has killed more than 70,000 British cattle, may have peaked and be on the decline. according to vets who have seen large numbers of infected animals. Although nationally the incidence of BSE is still rising. South-West England, where the epidemic is most severe, has seen a marked slowing in the rate of new cases.

## Plane's computer failed

An RAF Harrier pilot on exchange with the Royal Navy bombed the carrier Ark Royal because of a computer software anomaly, defence sources said yesterday. Five crewmen were injured when the 28lb practice bomb tore through the flight deck and exploded in one of the mess decks on April 20. The pilot will be given a formal warning.

## Fishermen block ports

Hundreds of fishing boats blockaded ports in Devon, North Yorkshire and Humberside yesterday in protest at legislation empowering the government to limit the days fishermen can spend at sea. The target of the fishermen's wrath is the Sea Fish (Conservation) Bill, which goes before the Lords on Monday. the Lords on Monday.

## French blood transfusion trial

## Cambridge professor convicted

■ The French director of East Anglia's

transfusion service has stepped down

By JOHN SHAW

EAST Anglian Regional Health Authority is to set up an independent enquiry into the role of a Cambridge University blood transfusion spe-cialist who was convicted in France yesterday for his part in allowing HIV-infected blood to be given to French haemophiliacs.

Professor Jean-Pierre Allain, 50, professor of transfusion medicine at Cambridge and director of the East Anglian regional blood transfusion service, was sentenced to four years' imprisonment, with two years suspended, for deception. He intended to return to Cambridge last night. He has stepped down from his health authority post pending the

enquiry. Sir Colin Walker, chairman of the East Anglian Regional Health Authority, said that the verdict "will come as a severe disappointment to Professor Allain's clinical and academic colleagues. The issues involved are complex and we are bound to look carefully at the written judgment. We share the concern of everyone for all those so tragically affected by HIV."

The authority will be estab-lishing an independent enquiry to review the implications of after yesterday's verdicts pending a health authority enquiry into his future

the verdict on Professor Allain's capacity to undertake his duties. An authority spokeswoman said: "There is no suggestion whatever that the public safety was put in jeopardy in any way in East Anglia. These events all took place in France between

After leaving France, Professor Allain went in the United States. He came to

after the allegations in France had been made. He has always denied them.

He issued a statement through Professor Robin Carrell, head of the department of haematology at Cambridge. after the hearing in Paris yesterday. He said: "My plan is to return to England today. I understand that the judgment may raise concern to the British public about my ability

Professor Allain remains a professor of transfusion medi-

fully restored."

cine at Cambridge University. Alasdair Liddell, general manager of the regional health authority, said that Britain in September 1990 to carry out my duty as director down had been accepted.

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the Blood Transfusion Centre.

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"I have therefore decided to

## Transfusion service chief jailed

Continued from page I was acting on orders from

ministers who were aware of the implications of his policy. The most politically damning remark came from Mme Dufoix when she said, before the trial, that she felt "responsible, but not guilty". Her remarks have come to

symbolise what many see as state indifference towards individuals. The affair and the isters and high officials claiming ignorance of the transfudiscredited. sion policy has inflicted further damage on President

Mitterrand's administration. It has also added to the sense of malaise in French society. The medical profession and the health service were a sector of the establishment which had still enjoyed public trust at a time when many

other branches of the pater-nalistic French state had been

Joelle Bouchet, whose son was among those contaminated, said that she was appalled by the court's decision to place all the blame on Garretta, rather than declaring that political officials shared responsibility. "It's disgusting," she said. "It's an insult to the sick."

## Drug cash laws to be stiffened

BY RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

CONVICTED drug traffickers are to be pursued beyond the grave under government measures announced yesterday aimed at making it easier to seize the proceeds of drugs dealing.

Bank officials and accoun-

tants with suspicions about drug money laundering could also be prosecuted it they fail to tell police of their fears.

Under a bill published yesterday, money laundering offences will be widened to include the proceeds of all other crimes. Measures to combat insider dealing in the City and tackle white collar fraud will be strengthened. Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, said the bill was aimed at drug traffickers, insider dealers and fraudsters.

Proposals in the Criminal Justice Bill include giving the courts power to confiscate the proceeds of drug dealing from convicted traffickers who have died or absconded. The standard of proof required in confiscation cases will be lessened so that it is that required in civil rather than criminal

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## Condon vows to revive respect for the law

New police commissioner

By Stewart Tendler, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

PAUL Condon, the new commissioner of the Metropolitan police, yesterday pledged himself to make London a safer and a better place to live. rebuild respect for the law and lead a police force maintain-ing the highest standards. After his appointment was

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ing the highest standards.

After his appointment was confirmed Mr Condon, the 45, Kenneth Clarke, the home present chief constable of Kent, promised "a professional and caring police service".



Condon: "Emphasis on

Scotland Yard as one of the

most popular commissioners

in recent times, but also as the

victim of the strains of the

toughest police post in the

Two years ago he suffered a

series of heart attacks. When

he was taken ill, his deputy

found that his diary was booked from early morning to

late evening for months

ahead. In recent months, the

Sir Peter's amiable and

relaxed exterior has shown

little sign of the strain of

managing 28,000 officers, 12,000 civilians and policing

eight million Londoners,

guarding the royal family, protecting VIPs and combat-

ing the IRA as well as

tion of reforming the Metro-

Sir Peter, the son of a Kent · ethos.

continuing his personal ambi-

pace has quickened again.

(Stewart Tendler

**Amiable Imbert hid** 

burdens of the Yard

SIR Peter Imbert will leave farmer, joined the Metropoli-

His aims would be to improve tance. He will introduce the security of people who live and work in London, to imperformance indicators based on areas such as the time prove the quality of life and encourage respect for the rule of law, which meant "heavy calls from the public. Officers are likely to be set individual performance objectives.

Mr Condon will continue emphasis on the ethical stan-

secretary, said he believed the new man would "prove to be a forceful successor to a very distinguished commissioner". Mr Clarke said London was the most difficult place in the country to police.

implementation.

The new commissioner is The city's challenges will also likely to develop plans for include pushing forward re-form, building community a reorganisation that would split London into four or five links and reducing the Yard's large police areas instead of heavy hand of control. That must all be done with a budget of £1.5 billion and little chance the existing eight and move more officers out of the Yard, of any big rise.

ending some specialist units such as the flying squad. How will Mr Condon cope? The Home Office will expect the force to improve its public One Home Office official said: "He is top notch, a super chief constable." A senior Yard officer added: "He is very standing and Mr Condon. who takes over in January, will take up the drive to get officers to behave more professionally to earn the public's accepcompetent, has had a meteoric rise and he stands out among senior officers."

tan police in 1953. For much

of his early career, he worked

in Special Branch. He was a

senior member of the bomb

squad and the main negotia-

tor at the Balcombe Street

siege in 1975 when four IRA

men surrendered without a

By 1980, he was Chief

Constable of Thames Valley,

where he allowed a BBC

television documentary series

on the force. The series

brought uproar, and reform,

over the treatment of rape

shot being fired.

come more open.

Mr Condon's record is illustrated by a glowing report by the inspectors of constabulary on his Kent force. Issued earlier this year, it concluded: "Under the able leadership of an active chief officer team, the force is well managed, vibrant, giving excellent service and is in the vanguard of change." A mild-mannered and open

the introduction of sector po-

licing, which creates small

police units close to local

communities, throughout

London. Kent already runs

the system but London officers

have started to complain at its

man with a taste for management jargon, Mr Condon joined the Metropolitan police in 1967 and served up to chief superintendent. He was selected for rapid promotion while a sergeant, taking a law degree at Oxford on secondment. Staff officer to Sir Kenneth Newman, Sir Peter Imbert's predecessor, he was at the centre of the first reform push

ten years ago. He went to Kent in 1984 as victims and was a watershed in persuading police to bean assistant chief constable in charge of operations. He led Five years later, Sir Peter an operation by over a dozen forces to prevent a projected terrorist attack against Chanreturned to London as deputy commissioner. He took over from Sir Kenneth Newman in nel ferries before returning to 1987 and started a drive to London as a deputy assistant make the force more responcommissioner and then as the sive to the public. He began the Plus programme aimed at sioner in the force's history at 41. Now he will be one of the changing the London police



Flight of fancy: Jane Whittaker, a London milliner, deserts the practical for the exotic in a hat she created for the Millennium of Millinery exhibition at The Collection gallery in Brompton Road, west London

## Anglers cry foul over American intruder

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY

THE well-bred world of Scottish game fishing is witnessing an angry squabble over a vulgar American intruder the rainbow trout.

Sir David Montgomery, Bt, whose family has owned Loch Leven and its fishing rights since the sixteenth century, wishes to introduce thousands of rambow trout to restore the loch's extensive fishing, which has declined disastrously this year after parts of the water were covered by algae.

Rainbow trout, being more

voracious feeders, are thought to be easier to catch in such conditions, and this may bring back the anglers. However, the plan has provoked fears that the rainbows will take over from the loch's wild brown trout. Lord Marnoch, Scottish chairman of the Salmon and Trout Association, has complained to Scottish Natural Heritage, the government's wildlife and countryside advisory body, which has given its

consent to the plan. Sir David said that it was only a temporary measure which he would stop if it affected the brown trout.

Troubled waters Weekend, section 3, page 3

## Visit to grave ends historic royal tour

FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN BERLIN

THE Queen ended her fiveday state visit to Germany yesterday with a journey to Potsdam to see where Empress Frederick of Prussia. Queen Victoria's eldest daughter, was buried. She placed a bunch of yellow roses, Victoria's favourites, on the grave.

The Queen attracted large crowds wherever she went, particularly in the eastern states unused to seeing figures from the world stage unless they were from the Kremlin.

On her way to Potsdam in the former Eastern sector outthe Great's Palace of Sans Souci, the royal motorcade drove past a huge Soviet

barracks, now largely empty and boarded up. Small knots of Russian officers and boredlooking soldiers peered through the gates.
A crowd of several thousand

had gathered in front of Sans Souci to see the Queen walk in the grounds and take a ride in an open carriage. Among the crowd a small group of young demonstrators hoisted two banners, one reading "Britain get out of Northern Ireland" and the other "No poll tax". At the end of the visit, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh departed for London

from RAF Gatow. They left to

a background of warm Ger-

man media comment.

## Porn videos seized at ferry port

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scores of master copies of hard-core pornographic videos yesterday in a caravanette that had arrived at Dover on a ferry from France. Four Britons were arrested, a man and woman at the port and two men later in south London.

Customs officers believe that, after a two-month undercover operation, they have broken a large-scale pornographic smuggling, printing and distribution network with an estimated annual turnover from video sales of more than £1 million. A Customs and Excise spokesman said: "We managed to get the printing and distribution centres as

The four suspects were being questioned by customs officers in London.

## Clocks go back

Clocks go back an hour at 2am tomorrow, putting Britain an hour behind the rest of Europe after a month of synchronisation, contrary to the views of more and more Britons. A recent survey by the Royal Society for the Preven-tion of Accidents showed that two thirds of those questioned wanted Britain to switch permanently to Central Euro-

#### Poll tax debts

Councils in Scotland are owed £498 billion in unpaid poll tax, the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities disclosed yesterday: £115 billion is still owed from 1989, an eighth of the total due that year.

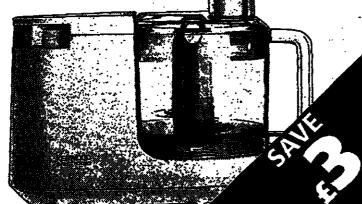
#### Ruling delay

The High Court reserved judgmeni yesterday on a damages claim against London Underground by Paul Hale, a fireman, for mental injuries he suffered in the 1987 King's Cross disaster. Mr Justice Otton gave no indication when he would give his ruling on the amount of compensation to be awarded.

### Costly lines

A fragment from the Koran, 24 lines of script written in the mid-seventeenth century, sold at Sotheby's in London for £159,500 - more than four times its estimate.

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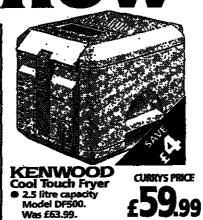


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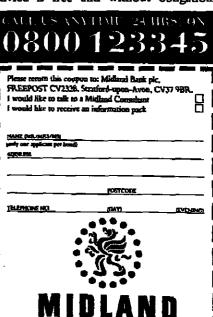
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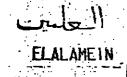
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## How Churchill's change of bowling won at El Alamein

OTHER bandes were greater and more decisive but for the British and their newfound allies the Americans, not to mention the oppressed people of Europe, El Alamein was a great turning point in the second world war.

Those yet unborn in that blissful dawn of victory on the October day 50 years ago when the Eighth Army surged forward will never know the ecstasy of triumph which swept over Britain. The excitement was infectious. As a schoolboy at the time, I remember listening to the church bells, silenced since 1940 in readiness to signal the beginning of a German invasion of the British Isles. Now they were acclaiming distant victory.

King George VI wrote in



The sign in the desert

■ The battle of El Alamein 50 years ago was a turning point in the war. "A victory at last," King George VI wrote in his diary. "How good for the nerves."

his diary, "A victory at last. How good it is for the nerves." Churchill later declared: "Be-

concentrated on the desert war, seen as a clean sandtable war, seen as a clean sanutane battlefield where private armies rampaged like knights. True, the Eighth Army, after initially defeating the Italian jackals, had eventually and tenfoirly been driven back by unfairly been driven back by the German Afrika Korps led by Rommel, who we secretly admired as a stylish gentle-man. Out there in the Western Desert things had not been going well in '42. The Eighth Army had lost Tobruk and been thrown back in a final thrust in June 1942 to a line shielding Crim

line shielding Cairo. General Alexander managed to hold Rommel before Alamein between the Mediterranean and the Quattara

Depression. Then in August. Churchill went to Egypt to see things for himself and decided "to change the bowling". He gave command to Lieutenant-General B. L. Mont-gomery, a commander totally unknown to us schoolboy strategists. Seventeen days after arriving, he was ready to launch the great counter

Stocks of Sherman tanks had arrived from America and the Enigma codebreakers were supplying the commander with a mass of intelligence on the German order of battle, and Rommel was himself in hospital back in the Third Reich.

The great day came on October 23. The British bomber offensive stopped and the land banle began at 21.30 that night. At 22.00 hours the infantry began moving forward in what was blandly codenamed Opera-



tion Lightfoot. The foot soldiers went in hard across the minefields into the night with the tank spearheads of 1st Armoured and 10th Armoured divisions striking at 15th Panzer Division near

The crucial point came on the 25th when Montgomery switched the line of attack, sending the Australians with the 1st Armoured Division hooking round north before wheeling to cut the coast road and force the Germans to

commit their reserves to the sector. After days of hard pounding, the Africa Corps began to break and by November 4, British armour reached open ground.
The Afrika Korps, defeated in battle, found itself separat-

ed from its forward base at Tobruk by 370 harsh miles and the rout began. There was nowhere to hide until it reached the Tunisian border. While the church bells pealed out in Britain, Rommel wrote poignantly to his

wife in Germany: "Rivers of blood poured out over miserable strips of land that not even the poorest Arab would have bothered about."

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## Frantic maydays to City could not keep Dan-Air aloft

By Harvey Elliott, air correspondent

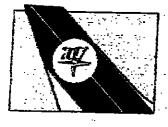
THE end came for Dan-Air after a long and lingering sickness. Despite frantic efforts to stave off its demise, David James, the chairman brought in to cure the ailing company, eventually had no alternative but to hand it over. with its debts, to British

For more than three months, a succession of airline specialists had shaken their heads over the company's financial health and decided that, as its losses had spiralled past £24 million in the first six months of this year, there was no point in trying to prolong

and up to 600 staff. The charter operation will be closed and the remaining 1,500 staff will lose their jobs.

The root causes of Dan-Air's difficulties lay in the bones of the company itself. It had an old fleet of aircraft that cost far more to operate and maintain than those of its more modern rivals. It had no tour operator to guarantee a flow of passengers to its charter services and, operating from Gatwick rather than Heathrow, could not attract sufficient business

customers The final blow came when rumours began circulating around the industry that it was in serious trouble and might not survive the winter. Vital contracts that should



have been signed by tour operators for next summer failed to materialise. Travel agents began warning potential customers that they should not book far ahead with Dan-Air. Cash-flow dried up and Mr James tried desperately, but unsuccessfully, to put to-gether a deal with the City financial institutions.

Dan-Air was the oldest British airline still operating under its original name. It had been formed in 1953 by the London-based shipbroker Davies and Newman, whose initials gave it its name, operating out of Southend airport Finally, after more than a week of talks, BA agreed to take on the scheduled services on the sch 1970s with the rapid growth

of package holidays.
But as tour operators expanded, they began increasingly to use their own autines, with newer and more efficient aircraft, to fly charter passengers to the sun. By the late 1980s, Dan-Air's problems were becoming critical and it bad no option but to call in

Within months, Mr James could claim a victory by selling the airline's engineering base for £27.5 million, trimming the size of the fleet and cutting loss making routes. In November last year he claimed his final "triumph": a refinancing package worth £53.75 million which, it was claimed, would allow the airline to expand its profitable scheduled routes, update its fleet and make a profit this financial year.

It quickly became apparent that those were over-optimistic forecasts and soon the banks began to wonder if they would ever see a return on their investments. Once the ru-mours began, Dan-Air was as good as finished.

BA takeover, page 1 Shareholders lose, page 19

## Maths stakes claim as a figure of fun

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

FOR those who remember mathematics lessons as more of a penance than a pleasure, the first conference in Britain on the history of recreational mathematics may seem a contradiction in terms. But David Singmaster, its organiser, expects at least 130 to attend today's seminars at South Bank University, London.

Recreational mathematics is booming, he says, and its history goes back to the dawn of numbers. Babylonian tablets containing rules for the solution of mathematical problems had puzzles interspersed to keep the young students amused.

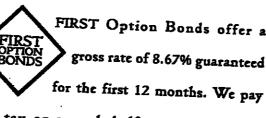
Professor Singmaster defines recreational mathematics as any form of maths that is fun. He has found that one of the most familiar brainteasers dates back to Alcuin of York, a ninth century scholar who became an educational advis-

er to Charlemagne. The teaser is about the man who has to cross a river with a wolf, a goat and a cabbage, in a boat which will take him and only one of the three at a time. leaving the goat with the cabbage, or the wolf with the was child's play to Nor are mathematical

games simply fun, he says. They can lead to real advances in the subject. In the seventeenth century, the French philosopher Blaise Pascal began to study the mathematics of gambling, which led to probability theory and the emergence of insurance companies who based their busi-

"Recreational mathematics has turned out over the millen-.nia to be unreasonably useful" Professor Singmaster says.

Today's speakers include a retired doctor, Robbie Bell, who has written the definitive Board and Table Games from Many Civilisations (in two volumes) and John Beasley, a computer consultant and the author of The Ins and Outs of Peg Solitaire. Dr Finkel will explain the rules of the Royal Game of Ur, while health physicist Angela Newing and Professor Singmaster will reonly one of the three at a time. call great recreational math-How he does this without ematicians of the past.



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## Thatcher aide accuses Major of betraying **UDM** leader

By Nicholas Watt

JOHN Major and Michael Heseltine have reneged on undertakings given by senior Tory ministers in 1985 to the Union of Democratic Mineworkers, a former adviser to Baroness Thatcher said yes-

David Hart, who advised Lady Thatcher and the Coal Board during the miners' strike, said that if she had still been prime minister the government would not have betrayed the union. The ministers gave verbal assur-

Thousands of miners and their supporters, including John Smith and Paddy Ashdown, are expected to converge on central London tomorrow for a TUCorganised demonstration against pit closures. The march will leave the Embankment at 12.30pm for a rally in Hyde Park, via Northumberland Avenue, Trafalgar Square, Pall Mall, Piccadilly and Park Lane.

ances to the UDM that no Conservative government would let them down after Roy Lynk, its leader, said that he was nervous about setting up the union without pledges from the government. Mr Hart said: "He wanted an assurance that if he took any of the risks in setting up the union ... ministers were not going to let him down and be inconsistent with the spirit of co-operation he was interested

in engendering." It is understood that the UDM was told by a cabinet minister that the government would not make any sudden announcements on sweeping changes in the coal industry without consulting the union and arranging for fair redundancy payments. Ministers felt that Mr Lynk had helped to rescue the government dur-

ing the miners' strike and that it was in his debt. Business supporters of Lady Thatcher. who had nothing to do with the mining industry, were so impressed by Mr Lynk that they provided generous and

Mr Hart said that Lady Thatcher kept to her word in 1990 when Lord Haslam, then chairman of British Coal asked for permission to close substantial numbers of pits. She refused and Lord Haslam condemned "highly specula-tive Draconian" forecasts of 15,000 to 40,000 redundancies when he announced in 1990 that the workforce would be reduced by 6,000 over the next three years on top of 1.300 cuts already

money to set up the

In an article in this week's Spectator, Mr Hart says that nobody should be surprised by Mr Lynk's intention to return his OBE. Mr Hart writes: "He [Mr Lynk] must be wondering why Mr Major's undertakings to Kohl and Mitterrand over Maastricht are more worthy of honour than undertakings given by Mrs Thatcher's government to British miners.'

But Mr Lynk may at least have sweet revenge. The only consolation for those Nottinghamshire miners now is that Mr Heseltine's future may be as insecure as their own," Mr Hart says.

☐ John Smith, the Labour leader, said yesterday that the Major government's handling of the pit closures demonstrated the "arrogance of power" and the need for new political structures to bring government closer to the people (Sheila Gunn writes).

In a lecture at Strathclyde University, he accused the prime minister of continuing the pattern set by his predecessor Margaret Thatcher of clawing power back to the

## The power of the born-again backbenchers

By Nicholas Wood POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

WHO stopped the government's pit closure programme? Not Arthur Scargill. Not Roy Lynk. Not the Arch-bishop of York. Not even John Smith. It was Sir Marcus Fox. the chairman of the 1922 committee of Tory backbenchers, who brought the government to a juddering halt a week ago. In just three words, the MP for Shipley in West Yorkshire forced John Major into his handbrake turn.
"It is unacceptable," Sir

Marcus said on BBC Radio 4's news programme The World at One, stopping not just the closure programme but a score of ministerial hearts in the process. With a government majority of only 21. backbench power had

come of age.
It would be wrong to think
of Sir Marcus as a rebel. His job, as the elected shop stew-ard of the Tory benches, is to relay to the government the views of its troops. If he thinks that particular policies or min-isters have had their day, his job is to tell the chief whip and, through him. Mr Major. Of course, he does not have to tell half the country as well and there are some MPs who wish that the publicity conscious Sir Marcus could

adopt a lower profile. Sir Marcus was not just speaking for himself when he demanded a review of the dosure programme. He had taken soundings among most of the 17 senior MPs who make up the executive of the



SIR MARCUS FOX Sir Marcus, MP for

Shipley, was once described as a natural leader of the back-street Tories. A selfmade businessman from Yorkshire never afraid to speak his mind, he is prohanging anti-abortion, anti-EC. In post-election coup he ousted ex-spy Cranley Onslow as chairman of 1922 committee.

1922 and had been in touch with dozens of other worried rank-and-file Conservative MPs. He knew that when he went on air, he had his divisions in place.

As ever at Westminster, the answer lies in the arithmetic. For most of her reign, Margaret Thatcher enjoyed threefigure majorities and could afford to ride roughshod over the views of her backbenchers. Although she faced many an



SIR RHODES BOYSON The side-whiskered Sir

Rhodes switched from Labour councillor to right-wing MP for the unlikely Tory seat of Brent North. A doctor of obilosophy and exheadmaster, he claims to know what the average Tory voter thinks. Opposed poll tax. Now equally opposed to council tax.

angry rebellion, in which dissident MPs spoke forcefully against her, she could almost always be certain of victory.

John Major and his cabinet colleagues are slowly becoming aware that they are living in a different world. His 21seat majority means that every vote is precious and that all but the most maverick of backbench Tories will have to be handled with kid gloves.



WINSTON CHURCHILL Hard-right crusader

against communism and grandson of Sir Winston. he occasionally displays a caring side. Has devoted career almost entirely to defence since entering Commons in 1970. By his own account, the dashing blond MP for Davyhulme has led an adventurepacked private life.

For the MPs, the narrow majority is a liberation. They have ceased to be mere lobby fodder and they can use their new-found power to shape the course of government policy. The resurrection is particularsweet for the many older MPs on the Tory benches, who have either had their taste of ministerial office and been reduced to the ranks or who have seen their youthful

Rhodes Boyson, the plainspeaking Lancastrian who was a former minister, has hardly been off the nation's screens in the past week. It was also striking that many other serior backbenchers, including Winston Churchill. Sir John-Hannam, Sir Tony Dorant, Sir Teddy Taylor, Sir George Gardiner and Richard Shepherd, were much to the fore in forcing the govern-ment to clamb down.

Many of these are also members of the 1922 execu-

tive, which has become a far more assertive and independent body under Sir Marcus's leadership. It should not be forgotten that the executive played a key role in passing David Mellor the black spot-Ministers defy it at their peril. Mr Major has apparently already recognised this political reality. One of the first hints of the changed economic policy came at his Carlton. Club lunch with committee members earlier this week

He has suggested that they meet far more frequently than in the past He would do well to keep his eye on them. The executive has a built-in right-wing ma-jority and many of its members have distinctly Thatcher-ite sympathies on the economy and Europe, as the

protest about the return of the Maastricht bill demonstrated At the moment, they are prepared to set aside their doubts and back their prime minister. But if he ever stumbles badly, he should beware a visit from the "knights of the Labour on separate route to recovery

BY PETER RIDDELL

THE Labour leadership is trying to separate its national recovery programme from the government's new growth strategy forestradowed this week by John Major.

Gordon Brown, Labour's shadow chancelior, is planning to put forward a detailed alternative approach ahead of the Autumn Statement on November 12. In advance, he yesterday argued that government promises of a growth strategy, including a relaxation of restrictions on private investment in public infrastructure projects, did not go far enough.

Mr Brown dernes that there is a new consensus on a recovery plan for Britain. In a lengthy statement yesterday, he argued that a national recovery programme required emergency employment measures not just to cut unemployment but to help to reduce the fear of unemployment. This would therefore contribute to the return of consumer

"The difference between the government and Labour is hat we believe that there is a long-term problem in a declining industrial base that threatens even deeper balance of payments problems and must be addressed by policies which encourage exports and import substitution. The government should now bring together all sections of industry to agree an inclustry policy which should be accompanied by a proper energy policy for Britain.

Mr Brown drew a parallel with President Roosevelt's New Deal programme in the 1930s, but he did not spell out the cost of Labour's proposals. However, his warning against the damage caused by public spending cuts implies that Labour would be prepared to breach the £244.5 billion limit for next year which the Major government is seeking to achieve. This would be increased to finance higher spending on unemployment benefits and the short-term costs of the programme.

M. savage

## Bishop attacks policy of 'profit before people'

THE Bishop of Durham accused the government yesterday of sacrificing coal communities for the sake of quick profit as output ended at the Taff Merthyr colliery in South Wales.

Dr David Jenkins was speaking at a rally outside Easington colliery in co. Durham, one of the 21 mines reprieved from closure pending the review of the coal industry. As he spoke, two miles away at Vane Tempest, miners were completing the last coal-cutting shift at the pit. With Parkside in Lancashire and Taff Merthyr, it will go on a care and maintenance basis from today until the

pits earmarked for instant closure expires. Miners will be expected to report for their shifts as usual but only a limited number will go down to carry out essential safety work. At Taff Merthyr, the 400 miners were told they could accept immediate redundancy payments or continue to report for work each day while the govern-

ment reviews the closure programme. Dr Jenkins drew cheers from a crowd of more than 500 miners and their families who had marched through Easington to the village's colliery, when he said that the country had at last woken up to the knowledge that short-term gain took no account of

"Give our communities a chance to contribute to the future of this country," he said. "It is we and the future that are the bottom line, not the immediate cash results."

The country had been "proceeding on a false prospectus; taking a simple short-term cash bottom line and not the bottom line of the people, the country and its resources." The bishop. accompanied by the Right Rev Owen Swindlehurst, Roman Catholic auxiliary bishop of Hexham, held a short service at the pit entrance.

On the steps of Leeds Town Hall, Arthur Scargill, NUM president, challenged Michael Heseltine to a public stand taken by church leaders and some Conservative MPs. "It is an indication of the depth of feeling, an indication of the outrage that they feel something is fundamentally wrong. If people can change whole societies, if people can bring down the Berlin Wall, then I am convinced that people power can change Britain."

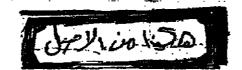
Issuing his challenge to the president of the board of trade, Mr Scargill said: "He can have half of the audience and I will have the other. I am so confident I am prepared to put this issue to a ballot of the British people."

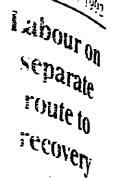


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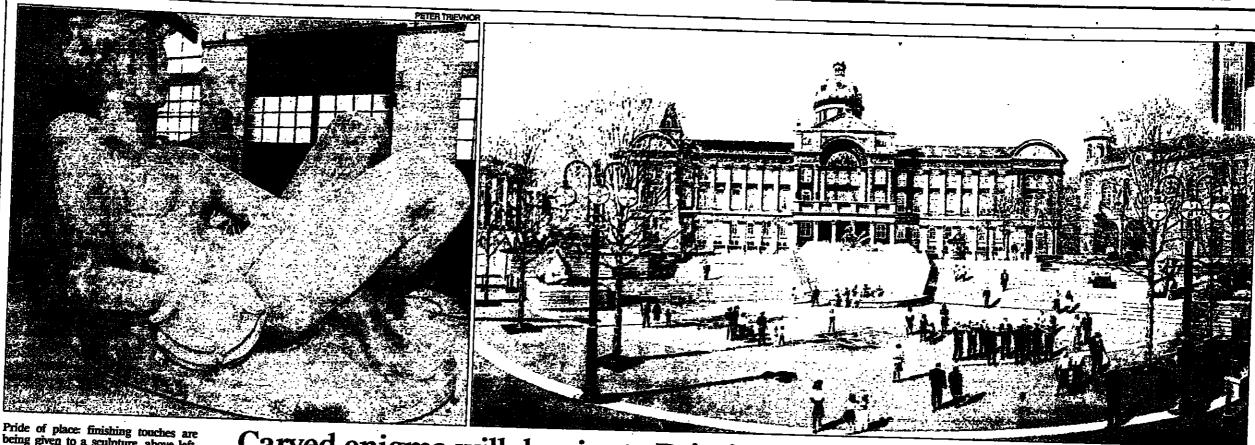
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Pride of place finishing touches are being given to a sculpture, above left, which will be the centrepice of a fountain to be placed in Victoria Square. Birmingham (Sarah Jane Checkland writes). The work, by the artist and sculptor Dhruva Mistry RA, will form a key part of the first important civic fountain to be completed in England

Carved enigma will dominate Britain's biggest fountain

since Trafalgar Square in the 1800s, and the largest fountain in Britain. A source, river". He hopes it will present an image of "certain enigma, of certain pride and dignity" which will enhance people's lives. The figure, more than I Ift long, will be be immersed in a large projection of the scheme is shown above. Mr Mistry says the female figure personification of

pool, flanked by two winged "guardian figures". Water will spout from an orb the figure is holding. The project is part of a pedestrianisation programme to include New Street and the already

completed Centenary Square in Birmingham. The fountain's site is at the junction of five streets converging in front of the Council House and City Hall Les Sparks, Birmingham's director

of planning and architecture, said: "It will add greatly to the calm and tranquillity we hope to see in Victoria Square." Mr Mistry, who was born in India, has been artist in residence at Cambridge and the Victoria & Albert museum. Last year, at 34, he became the youngest man since Turner to be elected a Royal Academy member.

## Bar attacks 'curse of secrecy' over choosing judges

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE secretive system for selecting judges was attacked by the Bar chairman yesterday for its "bizarre and farcical"

Lord Williams of Mostyn QC told solicitors at the Law Society conference in Birmingham that the system was damaged and flawed by pointless secrecy — the curse of this country — and defensiveness". He praised the high standards, integrity and incorruptibility of judges, but said that selection procedures were so farcical that there was no need to exaggerate them

Those applying to become assistant recorders, the first rung of the judicial ladder. The opened about them. They did not know what was in it and had no right of redress if it contained errors. Such a system should not be tolerated, he said.

He had suggested to the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, that anyone concerned about the content of his or her file should be able to ask that it be independently reviewed by the present Bar chairman. "The

amazing answer was no."

He highlighted what he called archaic and arcane defects. "Should your panting ambition be the circuit bench. you can write in and apply. If your sweating ambition is the High Court bench, you cannot. No one will be able to explain why this is."

Two lists, A and B, were kept for those deemed suitable for the High Court and those suitable for the circuit bench. Lord Williams said that, the last time he had seen the lists, he had remarked: "This chap won't do. He's quite unsuitable." On being asked why, he had replied: "I believe he's been dead for four years."

He said that he had received many letters supporting his

■ The system of judicial selection is said to owe more to Franz Kafka than to the efficient running of courts

monitoring judicial performance and to take judges to task if they were "slow, incompetent, rude and arrogant". He predicted yesterday that in five years' time there would be

He also criticised the train ing of judges as "lamentably scanty". The Judicial Studies Board was under-resourced and undermanned. A weeklong seminar for circuit judges once every five years was "quite simply not good enough". High Court judges had no further training.

He said that no full-time judge should be appointed without a period of training immediately beforehand, which should include the management of resources. He said that listing procedures in courts were a waste of legal aid funds, because they were based on the idea that no judge must be kept waiting But a judge's salary was the cheapest daily component in

☐ Lord Mackay is expected to ask the Treasury to fund more High Court judges after attacks by the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, over the shortage of

On Thursday night in the House of Lords, Lord Taylor accused Lord Mackay of failing to deal with the shortfall. He said: "Unless we have some more High Court judges appointed soon, even if it is not as many as we need, the become a national disgrace and will be seen as such by the

## Early swans presage a short, savage winter

BY ROBIN YOUNG

ALL the signs are for a short, hard winter. Swallows migrated early, owls are hunting by day and winter jasmine, prompted by an unusually cold spell, has already broken into bloom.

At the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust's reserve in Cambridgeshire, whooper swans have been pouring in months early, fleeing the Arctic on the strong northerly winds that swept Britain this month.

Linda Butler, a warden at Welney, said yesterday: "Last year we had 14 whoopers at our mid-October count. This year there were 235, and many of the known birds were ones we would not expect to see until late November or early December."

In Thirsk, North Yorkshire, Bill Foggitt, the 79-year-old amateur weatherman, who is author of the newly published book Weatherwise, says: "I have noticed that when there is going to be a hard winter. the heron arrives early to fish in our local beck. This year the heron arrived by mid-Septembefore." Another omen that

Mr Foggitt believes may presage a singularly harsh winter is the fact that barely any leaves remain on the trees in his garden. "Country lore says that when the leaves fall early it is the sign of a hard winter to come. Usually there are still lots of yellow leaves clinging to our trees at Christmas, but this year I am watching the last ones fall already."

In Hampshire, Ken Young, a keen horticulturalist and weather observer, says that onions have grown extra layers of external skin this year, presumably to protect themselves from the cold to come.

Professional meteorologists are unimpressed by the behaviour of birds and onions but believe that volcanic eruptions in the Philippines, Chile and Japan in the past year have thrown up dustiouds that could absorb up to 4 per cent of the Sun's beat over the next few years. "It is colder than average for the time of year. The cold spell has started early," the British Meteoro-



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## Mass grave adds to UN evidence of Serbian war crimes

■ The partition of Bosnia has been ruled out by peace negotiators amid warnings of tougher sanctions against Belgrade

FROM TIM JUDAH IN GENEVA, DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

UNITED Nations troops were last night deployed around the site of a mass grave close to Vukovar in eastern Croatia and the local Serb authorities were warned not to tamper with the evidence.

The threat was issued as Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance. the peace negotiators, issued their own dire warnings with Mr Vance telling the authorities in Belgrade: "Sanctions will become tougher if they do not act as they must."

Tadeusz Mazowiecki, who has just returned from the former Yugoslavia, said that a pathologist on his team had discovered several skeletons protruding from a mass grave". Vukovar fell to Serb forces last November and the Croatian authorities have claimed that scores and even hundreds of fighters and civilians later disappeared without trace. Serbs have accused the

Croats of massacring Serbs during the siege and during their retreat.

United Nations troops have now secured the area and Mr Mazowiecki said he had cabled Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, to call for an investigation into whether a war crime had been committed. Mr Mazowiecki warned the Serb local authorities: "Any attempt to damage the evidence would be very serious."

The former Polish prime minister, grim faced, fended off questions about the mass grave saying that he wanted to wait until there had been an investigation and added: "Now the most urgent and crucial thing is to help the living." Discussing "ethnic cleansing" he said: "The objective has already been

In Geneva Lord Owen and



## **Alliance collapses** amid the rubble

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN MOSTAR

THE boom of artillery echoed around the wrecked houses and smashed streets of Mostar's picturesque old Turkish quarter.

The Croatian and Bosnian armies captured Mostar from the Serbs in June, but Serbian artillery positions are just a few miles away and shells still regularly slam into the town. Now a new conflict threatens to erupt as the anti-Serb alliance falters.

While clashes continue between Croat and Muslim soldiers in Novi Travník, the Croatian authorities in Mostar have introduced draconian new measures to tighten their grip on the city. If the fighting between the erstwhile allies spreads, the conflict could spin out of control and tip Bosnia into anarchy.

Nominally under joint Muslim-Croat control, Mos-Nominally tar is now under de facto martial law enforced by the HVO, the Croatian Defence Council fighting in Bosnia. Armed HVO soldiers control access in and out of the city along the exposed mountain road that leads into Mostar. Mostar is the key city of claimed autonomous Croat region in Bosnia. The leaders of the HVO have pledged to defend their stronghold against Serbs and also what they call "Muslim extremists". Many Muslim fighters accuse the Croats of wanting to carve up Bosnia together with the

Now Muslims have organised the Muslim Council of Herzegovina to defend their rights and the sovereignty of their country, which they say should be governed from Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital. Muslims in central Bosnia agree they are vastly better off than their compatriots in the Serb-controlled north and say they hope further conflicts with the Croats can be avoid through negotiation. But they also say they are entering a

critical stage of their history. We have never been more aware in our entire history of the situation that has befallen us." said Ramiz Zubcevic, a professor in Mostar. "We know about the expulsion of Palestinians and Kurds, and if we have to fight for 25 years to defend ourselves, so be it."

the European Community and the UN conference on former Yugoslavia, warned Bosnian Serbs and Croats that they would not get away with the partition of Bosnia. "There will be no carve-up," Lord Owen said. "It will not be acceptable and I do not accept it as a fait accompli." Mr Vance reaffirmed that "sanc-tions can and will be toughened" unless the Serbian government of President Milosevic began to take "constructive steps" to help the peace process. New sanctions would lead to "disaster in Serbia", he said. Lord Owen yesterday out-lined the strategy of the Geneva conference. He said

Mr Vance, the co-chairmen of

that forcing incremental change was the tactic that had been adopted and that the recent accords between Croatia and Yugoslavia represented an important step forward. "This is like a puzzle. You start on the outside first."

Detailed constitutional proposals for Bosnia are to be unveiled next week. Conference officials say they hope that the effect will be similar to that of the Vance plan that brought fighting to a halt in Croatia last January. One idea being mooted is that, if necessary, the UN will have to impose the constitution with a form or protectorate or operation similar to the ones it is carrying out today in Cambo-dia and El Salvador.

In Belgrade, President Milosevic received a standing ovation as the Congress of the Serbian Communists, now transformed into socialists. opened to give a boost to the ruling party whose popularity has declined along with that of the hardline president. A huge red rose replaced the red star to underline that, if only in form rather than substance, the Serbian Socialist party is following the trend set by the left elsewhere in Europe.

Borisav Jovic, a hardliner, told the congress that the large share of responsibility for the war in the former Yugoslav republics by inciting and encouraging secession while working against Serbia's interests.

In Sarajevo, senior military officers embroiled in Bosnia's civil war met face-to-face. The commanders of the Muslims and Croats, nominally united as Bosnian government forces. met their Serb foes for nearly three hours under UN auspices at Sarajevo airport. Colonel Stjepan Siber, the Bosnian army representative, said later he had insisted that the meeting focus on a ceasefire in areas of the country at ecological risk and on the delivery of humanitarian aid. The Serbian representative, Colonel Miian Gvero, called for a general

☐ Cairo: Saudi Arabia's highest religious authority has called for jihad, or holy war, on behalf of Bosnian Muslims. Shaikh Abdel Aziz bin Baz urged "all the Muslim governments and people in all the countries to support the Muslims in Bosnia-Herzegovina with men, money and



## Yeltsin seeks to calm Russian political nerves over reform

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin yesterday warned Russia's parliament against "skidding to the right" and tried to calm the frantic atmosphere in his government by saying that the reform programme could survive a challenge from the conservative-dominated Congress of People's Deputies in

Mr Yeltsin said of his failed attempt to persuade partiament to back a postponement that, but I'll get over it." His comments came the day after Aleksandr Rutskoi, his vicepresident, described Russia as "an economic and political rubbish heap" and called for the fate of the government to be decided on the first day of the congress. He also demanded the resignation of six ministers. Mr Yeltsin's aides responded that the Russian leader would stand by his government.

National politicians are managing to talk themselves into a panic about Russia's plight. While the onset of winter and the plunging rouble are making life hard, there is no objective reason for the degree of scaremongering in which senior political figures are indulging. It is simply a weapon in the war for power.

One television humorist has suggested that the best thing Russian politicians could do for their country would be to take an oath of silence. That is a not entirely flippant suggestion, as over-excited ministers risk alienating investors and political turmoil, mafia domination and even civil war. Such talk has been criticised by Gennadi Burbulis, a Yeltsin aide. However, supporters of the reforms are not free from blame. Their leak to Western correspondents on the fate that would befall the government if the congress were not postponed fuelled the anger of hardliners who still do not approve of deputies talking to foreigners about

their problems — and made

the reformers look even more vulnerable when the attempt to delay the gathering failed. The threat to Russia's stabilwas likely, and that, unless

ity has been highlighted by a report from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development which said that a surge in popular discontent monetary and fiscal controls were restored, the country would soon be suffering from

## Peres says talks with pontiff were fruitful

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE Varican and Israel appear to have moved closer to establishing full diplomatic ties following a meeting be-tween the Pope and Shimon

After a private audience at the Vatican, Mr Peres said the two men had agreed to exchange official representatives - usually the last stage before re-establishing full diplomatic ties. The pontiff had told him an official visit to Israel "might be possible", in response to an invitation from Israel

The Pope had also expressed his concern at the demonstrations against Jews in Germany and eisewhere, the Israeli foreign minister said. An official Vatican statement on the audience, however, called the meeting "cordial and serene" but made no reference to an exchange of official representatives.

The latest apparent rap-prochement followed the decision by the two states on July 29 to form a permanent joint commission aimed at establishing full diplomatic rela-tions. The Vatican has always recognised Israel's right to exist within secure boundaries but stopped short of full diplomatic recognition. The absence of full ties sometimes strained relations between Catholics and Jews.

Israeli diplomatic sources in Rome said the first meeting of the joint commission in July had shown "lots of realism on the Vatican side". The Holy See was no longer demanding a "special status" for Jerusa lem, which Israel officially declared its capital in 1980.

The Vatican says four problems have to be resolved before full ties can be established: international, peaceful recognition of the borders of the Israeli state; a homeland for the Palestinians; international guarantees for Jerusalem; and protection of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land.

The sharp improvement in relations has worried Palestinian Catholic leaders. They fear the next scheduled meeting of the Vatican-Israeli commission to be held in Jernsalem for the first time next mouth will amount to de facto recognition of Jerusalem by the Holy See as the Israeli capital.

## Police held in Spanish drug swoop

Madrid: Allegations by Gi-braitar police that their Spanish counterparts and civil grands are connected with the Rock's professional hashish smugglers, who use speedboats to bring the drug from Morocco to Spain, were given credence yesterday (Edward Owen writes). Among 32 people arrested in a drug swoop in southern Spain, five were civil guards and two,

senior policemen in Seville. Two leading investigating judges from Madrid, co-ordinating the detentions from Seville, said that a gang had smuggled more than 500 tonnes of hashish to Europe during the past eight years. The gang's paymasters, said to be the Di Giovine Serraino family from southern Italy, were detained in August with five civil guards in southern

#### Baltic poll

Vilnius: Lithuanians vote to morrow in the first parliamentary elections since the country regained its independence. There is discontent with the country's leaders over the recession and over political infighting, and a low turnout is expected. (Reuter)

#### Pay frozen

Rome: Italy's lower house of parliament approved a decree freezing public sector pay and imposing new taxes. Together with a reform of spending areas, this will secure 71 per cent of the savings the government had aimed to make on its 1993 budget. (Reuter)

#### Danes rethink

Copenhagen: Opposition par-ties unveiled a plan for a new arrangement within Europe after rejecting Maastricht. It entails opting out of a com-mon currency and rules out economic union and defence co-operation, as well as a common EC citizenship.

#### High note

Paris: Dame Gwyneth Jones, 56, the Welsh soprano, was made a commander of the Frehen Order of Arts and Letters after her final performance at the Bastille Opera in the title role of Richard Strauss's Elektra. (AFP)

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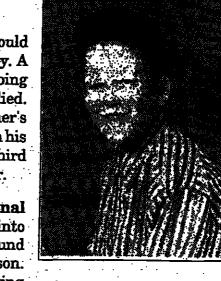
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## 15 year old Jeffrey Horler hanged himself in prison

Jeffrey came from Great Yarmouth and his mother could not afford to visit him because of the 200 mile journey. A prison officer told the inquest that he found Jeffrey sobbing in his cell when he heard that his grandmother had died. He was refused permission to attend his grandmother's funeral. He was just 15 years old when he died alone in his prison cell in September 1991. Jeffrey Horler was the third 15 year old boy to take his own life in just over a year.

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## Queen weathers chill from the east

In an enthusiastically re-L ceived state visit to Paris, King Edward VII lannched the entente cordiale between France and Britain. The Germans have been expecting Queen's five-day trip.

The recent friction between Britain and Germany has baffled, even shocked. the Germans. On the Bundesbank, the Eurofighter, the statue of Sir Arthur "Bomber" Harris and several other issues: not since the war have so many sour and angry words been spoken. For four decades after the war Britain was a Schutzmacht - not just an occupying power, but a protector guaranteeing, along with France and America, the safety of Germany against Russia. The Queen, as leader of this Schutzmacht, became Germany's favourite monarch. The popular glossy German magazines have sold the Queen with zeal, reverently chronicling her trips abroad and family life.

**AS OTHERS** 



A weekly look at how the world views Britain

Even so, the mood of this trip has fallen somewhat short of Edward VII's showstopping visit to Paris. In Berlin, Eberhard Diepgen. the mayor, said: "I was a bit surprised that the east Berliners did not let themselves go a bit more when they saw the Queen. They seemed rather withdrawn." The reason is clear: the east, unlike the west, has no particular emotional relationship with the Queen. History-teaching under the communists left some notable gaps: no monarchy rated much of a mention. Britain was an imperialist power and it was

the west Germans who took over the legacy of the Nazis. That has led to a rather jumbled sense of history. In Dresden, people had hoped that the Queen would

visit the bombed shard of the

Frauenkirche and kneel

among the ruins, as Willy

Brandt had prayed in the Warsaw ghetto. Yet Brandt's gesture was a symbol of the crime perpetrated on the lews. Was the fire-bombing of Dresden a war crime? The people of Dresden think so, but the Queen's visit could not substitute for an open. popular Anglo-German dis-

he eggs thrown at the I royal car were barely mentioned in yesterday's serious German press. The Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, in a front-page article, commentary and three further articles on the Queen's trip did not mention eggs

But nobody could disguise the sullenness of the Dresden crowd. The local bishop showed himself in touch with the city's mood when he refused to have anyone wearing an RAF uniform in his dedicated to reconciliation. pocket of east Germany that

did not receive west German

television during the com-

flow of information about Britain. Chiefly though, as commentator Gunther Nonnenmacher pointed out yesterday, there is a difference in national psychology. "Germans, like other contithe symbolic act; Britons by contrast have a sense of tradition." The people of Dresden were not offered a kneeling Queen but instead That is the British way, said is not any less significant than a Brandt-like gesture.

The Queen was paying the first state visit to eastern Germany and that should carry more weight than any omissions from the pro-gramme, argued *Die Welt*. Her visit was an important sign of European solidarity.

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# Turkey bears down on Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq

■ The Ankara government has swatted the mosquitoes of Kurdish nationalism for years. Now, it claims, it is time to drain the swamp

By Andrew Finkel and Our Foreign Staff

TURKISH troops operating on several fronts have launched a drive across the mountainous border of northern Iraq in an attempt to drive out guerrillas of the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK).

Turkey has been involved in a protracted struggle with rebel Turkish Kurds fighting a separatist battle from mountain bases in what is now a liberated Iraqi Kurdistan. Suleyman Demirel, the prime minister, yesterday said that Turkey had no intention to annex territory or establish a security zone. Nevertheless, the presence of 5,000 troops in what is still Iraqi territory underlines his government's determination to have a say in the future of the region.

Turkey has tried for many years to undermine Kurdish nationalism. Even with the end of military rule a decree was passed which made it illegal to "speak a language other than the primary language of a country recognised by Turkey". This ban was lifted in 1991.

Whereas the west of Turkey

Turkey is already convinced
began to enjoy the steady that the Iraqi Kurds have climb to a democratic pluralism and a more liberal economy during the 1980s, the southeast remained under a

was formalised in 1987 with the creation of a regional governate. The "super-governor", as he became known, enjoyed extraordinary powers, including for a time, the right to control the flow of news from the area.

In 1988, after Saddam
Hussein's chemical bombing
of Halabja in northern Iraq,
Turkey accepted a tide of
refugees. The presence of a
new Kurdish community in
major cities such as Dimede major cities such as Diyarba-kir strengthened Turkish Kurds own sense of identity. A second, much larger wave of refugees arrived in Turkey after the uprising which followed the Gulf war.

Turkey has been grappling with the PKK since 1984 in a struggle that has cost 5,100 lives. More than a third of those casualties have occurred in the last year. Mr Demirel told a press conference in Ankara yesterday that there was no point "swatting the mosquitoes" and that Turkey now had to "drain the

swamp".
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Kinds have managed to set up their own independent state under the protection of warplanes of the Western alliance based in form of emergency rule. This Turkey. In practice, Iraqi

Kurds clinging on to a safe haven in the face of a total embargo on food and fuel imposed by Baghdad, are totally dependent on Turkish goodwill.

For the last three weeks, the Iraqi Kurds have mounted their own campaign to expel the PKK from their remote mountain bases. The Turkish army, using jet fighters and now troops, appear deter-mined to succeed. In recent days, the Turkish authorities have claimed significant military successes against PKK units based in northern Iraq. Turkish radio said that security forces crossed the border

early Thursday morning into the PKK-held area of Haftanin, in the mountains northeast of the Iraqi border town of Zakho. In another thrust further east, troops moved five miles in the Kakurk Valley near where the borders of lear where the borders of Iraq, Turkey and Iran converge. Forces are also reported to have crossed near the mountain village of Isikveren where in April 1991, hundreds of the proposed of Iran.



Young bloods: children in Cizre, Turkey, flaunt a photograph of Abdullah Ocalan, the Kurdish Workers' Party leader

Kurds crossed into Turkey after their rebellion against Baghdad had been

Throughout the week, ru-mours have been circulating in Ankara that Tehran had

of an estimated 3,000 PKK its determination to prevent. The Syrians presumed motive fighters across the border into Iran, which has been suspected at times of supporting the PKK against Iraq, their mutual enemy. Reports from Lebanon also indicate that the

the PKK from returning to their training camps.

was their fear of the vast Turkish irrigation and hydro-In the past, PKK militants based in the Bekaa Valley—and supported by Syria—could cross through Syria into Iraq and then into Turkey. agreed to prevent any escape Lebanese army has declared Iraq and then into Turkey. we will detain him," Colonel

Tirad Farhat of the Lebanese army in the Bekaa said.

Turkish successes in isolat-ing the PKK from their support abroad will go some way towards easing anxiety about instability in the region that has continued since the Gulf war. The Turkish prime minister described the operation

as "open-ended". Several domestic commen tators have chided the Demirel government for its passivity towards Iraq, even to the extent of quietly hoping that Saddam will weather the storm. Many of the members of the 42 parties which make up the opposition Iraqi National Congress this weekend will however, travel to north-em Iraq through Turkey which also hosts missions from the Iraqi Kurdistan Front, to work out a strategy to overthrow Saddam. If the government assault on the PKK is successful, the speculation must be that Turkey will have less reason to insist on its present policy of defending the territorial integrity of Iraq. Muhyi al-Khateeb, a former head of Iraq's diplomatic mission in Washington, described the current opposition gathering — the first ever on what is still Iraqi soil — as a significant blow to Saddam's credibility.

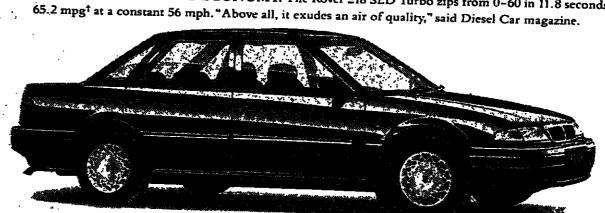
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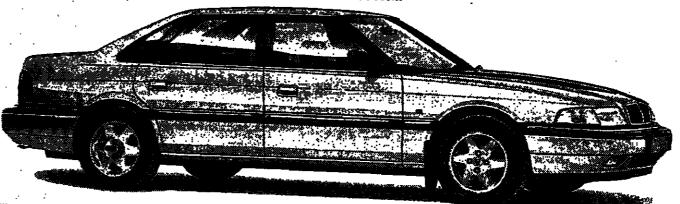
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We are sitting here, waiting for death," said one of the few shopkeepers in Sirnak to keep his shutters open. For the third week running, the people in Sirnak who have not fled wake to the sound of Turkish jets flying across the nearby border with northern trag. This is the ancient Mesopotamia, the cradle of civilisation. Rugged scenery which elsewhere would be the setting for an alpine resort

across the street.

For some time, the people

of Sirnak have been too

scared to wander out after dusk into the crossfire be-

tween the security forces and militants of the Kurdistan

Workers' Party (PKK). "No one can say for certain who

fired all the bullets," said one

man, whose zinc roof was turned into a sieve. He is not

alone in his conviction, however, that on the night of August 18 the army and

police used a PKK guerrilla

attack to avenge past inci-dents and demonstrate who,

in a display of force, could be

tal in Turkey's largely Kurdish southeast. In Istanbul, at any

one of the conferences staged

at the city's new five-star

hotels, another message is simultaneously translated

into the ears of visiting

notables from the Balkans or

the Caucasus, the Black Sea

rim and the new republics of

Central Asia. Turkey — demo-

cratic, secular and committed to the free-market economy-

has become a stable vessel. In Sirnak, and in points through-

out the country's southeast,

Mr Demirel announced

early on in his term of office

recognition of what he called

'Kurdish reality". To an out-

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haps a fifth of the country's 60

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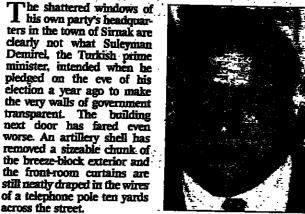
act of common sense. Yet for all the government's good

intentions, violence has, if

anything, increased.

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the more intimidating. Sirnak is a provincial capi-



Villagers await

death in cradle

By Andrew Finkel

of civilisation

Demirel: gave pledge on ethnic rights

has become a hunting ground as helicopter-borne troops

comb the mountains. The Turkish military is trying to hem in the PKK, with Iraqi Kurdish peshmerga ar-mies pushing from the other side. "Our patience is at an end," said Safeen Dizayee, the Iraqi Kurdistan Democratic Party. For more than a year, the PKK has ignored an ulti-matum to leave the area.

Isolating the PKK from bases abroad is a conventional task in comparison to the security at home. What hap pened in Simak and then in the smaller town of Kulp is evidence that they are prepared to see not just villages but even towns depopulated rather than allow the PKK a foothold. The problem goes deeper than that.

M usa Anter, 74, a Kurd-ish newspaperman and scholar, last month visited Diyarbakir, a city at the heart of the Kurdish southeast. A man driving him to meet prospective tenants for a piece of land he owned instead took out a gun and shot him in the head and heart. Senior ministers deny the existence of state death squads, but local people link the killing to a long chain of unsolved eassinations.

"I cannot help but believe that Anter has been killed by the notorious state force called 'the counter-guerrilla' or special warfare department," wrote Oktay Eksi, a leading columnist.

By no means all the violence has been committed by security forces. This month, the PKK rounded up villagers sympathetic to the govern-ment at Cevizdagii for a political lecture and then opened fire to kill nearly 40

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## Baseball team could strike out Canadian unity for good



Trudeau: savs accord

A constitutional crisis looks imminent. Talks to resolve the Quebec issue have yielded an accord likely to be rejected by voters

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN MONTREAL

CANADA is on the brink of what might be termed a most civil civil war, as a country celebrated for its restraint and courtesy aproaches what politicians here describe as potentially the most damaging constitutional crisis in its hist-

On Monday Canadians will vote on whether to approve the Charlottetown Accord, a pack-age of constitutional reforms aimed at settling once and for all the place of French-speaking Quebec in the Canadian confederation. The vote comes after weeks of bitter argument between French and Englishspeaking Canadians and if. as expected, the accord is rejected, many believe the break-up of the country itself will not be far behind.

The agreement was hammered out over two years and concluded in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, last August with the initial support of Canada's entire political establishment — a remarkable achievement in this relentless-ly polite but bitterly divided nation. By the terms of the agreement, Francophone Quebec would be recognised as a "distinct society" and granted a quarter of the seats

in the House of Commons in

perpetuity: the Senate would

be reformed, as demanded by the western provinces, and the

inherent right to self-government of Canada's native people — the Indians and Inuit - would be enshrined in the constitution. But the latest polls indicate

that the accord is now destined for almost certain defeat, for while it promises something for everyone it also contains something for everyone to object to. A majority in the western provinces of Alberta and British Columbia believe it makes too many concessions to Quebec, and will probably vote "No"; but many nationalist Quebecois want more, and the province will almost certainly vote "Non"

also includes feminists and the disabled, who claim to have been excluded, ethnic groups demanding full sovereignty, and Pierre Trudeau, the charismatic former prime minister, who describes the accord as "a complete mess", the recipe for acrimonious failure is all but complete. Only one province needs to reject the accord for the measure to fail. and the most comprehensive survey shows that 46 per cent of all Canadians now oppose the reforms, while only 33 per

cent support them. Brian Mulroney, the prime minister, whose deep unpopu-larity has fuelled opposition to the accord, has been touring the country as a prophet of doom, predicting damnation and disaster if the measure fails to gain public approval. "A 'No' vote means the end of Canada," he says bleakly. That view is supported by many Canadian busines

could cripple an economy already raddled by the recession. The Canadian dollar has plunged on world markets since campaigning began, and the Banque Royale recently conducted a study that concluded that, while a "Yes" vote would stimulate the economy, rejection and the possible fragmentation of Canada would lead to a slump and the emigration of a million of the best and brightest

The credibility of Robert Bourassa, Quebec's premier, has been badly damaged by leaks indicating that even his own staff believe he "caved in" at Charlottetown and abandoned French interests. Waiting in the wings is Jacques Parizeau, leader of the Parti Quebecois, a master of parti-san politics and chief exponent of the "No" lobby.

that predict that a "No" vote ed. say many Canadian observers, the country will gradually, non-violently but completely fall to pieces. A drive for an independent Quebec would probably prompt British Columbia and Alberta, the prosperous provinces in the west, to follow suit, possibly taking in Saskatchewan and Manitoba in a loose federation. That would leave the industrial heartland of Ontario, and the poorer Atlantic provinces to survive on their

> The fate of the North American Free Trade Agreement in such circumstances is unclear. There are already suggestions that an independent Quebec would look towards Europe. while the west coast provinces are already firmly in the economic and cultural orbit of the Pacific rim.

Even in America, where Canadian politics have been tradinonally looked on with a

amusement and bafflement the constitutional numbus north of the border has attracted close attention. America has enough of its own cultural. ethnic and linguistic divisions to regard a precendent-setting schism in Canada with genuine alarm.

Strange as it may seem, the best hope for the "Yes" vote may now lie in the hands of a baseball team, the Toronto Blue Jays, who are currently leading 3-2 in the baseball World Series against the Atlanta Braves, the first time a Canadian team has reached the final and a source of deep. and new-found patriotism

among many Canadians.

If the Blue Jays emerge victorious on Sunday night, it may unite the country if, only temporarily. But if they lose. Canada's latest bid and possibly last chance to achieve national unity may be lost too.

## **US** braced to impose sanctions on **EC** imports

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

PRESIDENT Bush was yesterday briefed by officials on the breakdown of the world trade talks, and sources said the American administration was moving towards the imposition of punitive sanctions on up to \$1 billion (£617 million) of European Community exports. That could trigger a

transatlantic trade war. Brent Scowcroft, the national security adviser, Lawrence Eagleburger, the acting Secretary of State, and Carla Hills. the US trade representative, attended an urgent White House meeting on the crisis on Thursday night. No deci-sion was reached, but officials confirmed that the "centre of gravity was shifting towards

sanctions" Although hopes were expressed in the world's economic capitals yesterday that a new global trade deal could still be salvaged, there was evidence to an agreement was being quietly backed by Germany. John Major yesterday spoke to Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor by telephone about what both men apparently hope will only be an interruption in the talks over a new treaty under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt). According to Downing Street, both leaders agreed that the European Commission should restart

Michael Heseltine, the president of the board of trade, told BBC radio that Jacques Delors, the French president of the European Commission. should put aside national loyalties and act on behalf of all Europeans to save the talks. The difficulty is," Mr Heseltine said, "that the president of the Commission is of course very close to the French interests in this matter and he has therefore conflicting loyalties." M Delors regularly denies giving any preference to French interests. But he has given no indication that he believes an acceptable deal is

in sight. If Mr Bush does order sanctions, they could be implemented in stages to give the EC a last chance to abandon what the Americans claim are

unacceptable new positions on oilseed and other farm subsidies. Despite EC denials, ad-ministration officials were adamant yesterday that the Gatt talks had been suspended. But they said that Edward Madigan, the US agriculture secretary, was ready to meet Ray McSharry, the EC's agriculture commissioner, at short notice 'if there's reason to believe the EC will show some renewed flexibility".

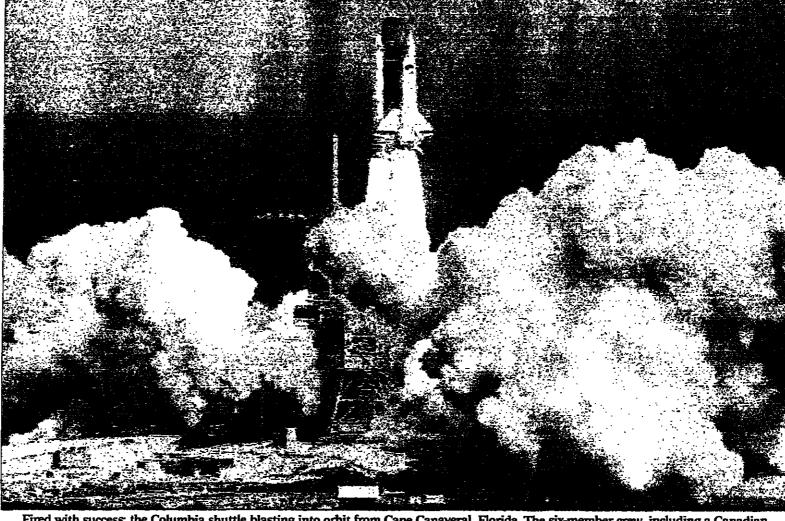
One European official in Washington warned that time was now "very short" and the Americans were "not bluffing". With the presidential election just 11 days away. Mr Bush had to be seen taking a tough line with the EC.

An official at the US agriculture department confirmed that the imposition of sanctions was "under active consideration". A White House official said: "We feel we have have got to look at our options." If implemented, the sanctions of perhaps 100 per cent would hit up to \$100 million worth of British exports, primarily cheese, confectionery and spirits, according to a list published by

Ms Hills, in the summer. European Commission officials insisted that transatlantic contacts were still under way and that a deal could be concluded in days; their American counterparts repeated their wariness of resuming talks until the EC softened its position. French ministers continued to assert that no breakthrough was possible before the American presidential

election on November 3. Other trading powers criticised France as the sole Community state responsible for the impasse. John Kerin, the Australian trade minister. said: "We ought to mount massive pressure on the French because this la trade warl is going to hurt the French in the long haul."

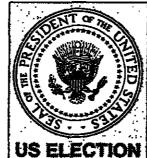
But sources close to the talks say that France's campaign against EC concessions is based on the secure confidence that Bonn will back its resistance. The German government is itself divided over how a Gatt deal should be done.



Fired with success: the Columbia shuttle blasting into orbit from Cape Canaveral, Florida. The six-member crew, including a Canadian, launched a £2.5 million Italian-made laser-reflecting satellite yesterday, completing the main task of their ten-day mission

## Vietnam to yield dossier on fate of missing Americans

By Martin Fletcher



country so much anguish. "Today, finally, I am convinced that we can begin writing the last chapter of the Vietnam war." Mr Bush said after an early-morning White House briefing from a US mission just back from Vietnam. "Hanoi's records will at last enable us to determine the fate of many of our men.

PRESIDENT Bush, seizing

on some rare good news,

yesterday announced that Ha-

entire archives on Americans

still missing from the Vietnam

war and claimed credit for a

"real breakthrough" on an

issue that has caused his

Today is a day of significance for all Americans," he said in a Rose Garden ceremony attended by relatives of the 2,265 American servicemen still unaccounted for nearly two decades after the American withdrawal. The mission brought back

nearly 5.000 photographs of dead or captured Americans. on the basis of which a few

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told that their relatives died in Vietnam. General Vessey, Mr Bush's personal envoy to Vietnam, said the photographs were only the start of the records and artefacts that Hanoi planned to hand over.

Mr Bush announced modest humanitarian assistance for Vietmanese flood victims, and said Washington would now consider further steps towards normalising relations with Vietnam, which is desperate to have the American trade embargo lifted. Hanoi, however, surrendered the photographs only after Washington found evidence of their existence last summer and Mr Bush pledged full normal-isation would not occur until he was convinced there had

been a "full accounting".

Eleven days before the election, new polls yesterday showed Mr Bush still trailing well behind Bill Clinton, with Ross Perot a threatening third. A Wall Street Journal-ABC News poll gave Mr Clinton 47 per cent, Mr Bush 28 and Mr Perot 19, with equivalent figures of 44, 32 and 17 in the CNN-USA Today daily tracking poll.

The Wall Street Journal had 76 per cent of Mr Clinton's supporters saying there was "no chance" of them changing their minds, compared to 65 per cent of Mr Bush's backers. With respondents divided into region. race, age, sex and class, Mr Clinton still led in every category. The CNN poll showed Mr Bush closing on Mr Clinton in the South, but being chased by Mr Perot in the West Mr Bush hastily revised his weekend schedule to campaign in states such as Montana and South Dakota. where Mr Perot is strongest.

race is tightening, but the president appears unable to rise above one third support. His best hope is that Mr Perot eats into Mr Clinton's support, but so far the Texan billionaire seems to have gained at both his opponents' expense. Still insisting he can win, Mr Perot spent \$26 million (£16 mil-lion) on advertising in the first 14 days of this month, but he has not appeared in public over the past four days.

Mr Bush campaigned in

Kentucky, Florida and Alabama yesterday, but had betrayed his jitters earlier by accusing Mr Perot of "nutty ideas" and "crazy statements and warning against wasted votes. Mr Perot retorted that Mr Bush had lost touch with reality and had an "army of people going round trying to destroy his opponents".

The State Department was

compelled yesterday to expand its investigation of why politically-appointed officials scoured the department's that it was not worth the passport files for damaging carnage to America and information on Mr Clinton when it transpired they had also searched his mother's files. The searches far exceeded the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act requests by news organ-isations, and the appointers were said to have been disap-pointed at how little informa-

tion they found. Mr Clinton, who on Thursday night attracted 18,000 in California's Republican Orange County and yesterday campaigned in Nevada and Missouri, jokingly called his mother a "well-known subversive" and said the searching would be funny if it's not so pathetic". Al Gore. Mr Clinton's running mate, demanded that Mr Bush apologise to

the Clinton family. Jack Kemp. the Housing Secretary, embarrassed Mr Bush with a fund-raising letter that appeared to be writing off this election and launching Mr Kemp's bid for the 1996 Republican nomination. It invited leading conservatives "to join me in this crusade to save

our party". In a policy reversal, the administration approved development of the V-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft to be built in the key electoral states of Texas The Bush camp insists the and Pennsylvania.

## Friend throws light on Oxford days

s Bill Clinton fends off A Republican sniping that his opposition to the Vietnam war makes him unfit for the presidency, one of his best friends at Oxford said that the young Rhodes Scholar had no time for left-wingers who railed against American imperialism. President Bush's portrayal of Mr Clinton at Oxford as an unpatriotic and irresponsible anti-war activist was The friend, who wanted to

remain anonymous and who now holds a sensitive position in Washington, said: "There was a lot of rhetoric from the left about American imperialism. But Bill didn't go along with that. He was against the war but he never accused America of being imperialis-tic. He opposed the war because he felt it was a terrible mistake. He believed that the asserted goal - to stop communism — would never be achieved. He also felt

As a student, Mr Clinton was so absorbed at Oxford by the Vietnam war that he furiously studied 19th century British diplomatic history for parallels, his friend said. "It was his first real chance to study that area and he made full use of Oxford's facilities. He was interested in looking through a historical prism to see what happens when coun-tries overstretch themselves."

One of Mr Clinton's favourite books at Oxford was Lord Blake's Disraeli. His friend said: "I remember his face buried into that book."



Clinton: a great talker and a good listener

A flattered Lord Blake said yesterday that Mr Clinton's interest in his book gave the potential president an unlike-iy bedfellow. The other American presidential figure who was interested in my book was Richard Nixon. After he had retired in disgrace I had a long conversation with him about Disraeli. He was fascinated about how Disraeli had risen from the outside. Mr Nixon gave the impression that he was read-

the book," Lord Blake said. Like Mr Nixon, Mr Clinton may see parallels with himself in the book. "Disraeli was an adventurer and Mr Clinton is an adventurer all right. If he thinks of himself as an outsider he may see something in Disraeli," Lord Blake said.

ing about himself in parts of

f Mr Clinton follows Dis-I raeli's pattern of leader-ship Washington's elite had better watch out. Lord Blake said: "Disraeli never became an insider but rather a ruler of insiders." Close reading of Disraeli would have taught Mr Clinton the art of pragma-tism, Lord Blake said. He would have learnt the importance of being empirical and

not being ideological Mr Clinton did not just limit himself to reading history books. "He read a lot of American novels, and particularly southern literature. I remember him reading Thomas Wolfe and Thomas Mann's Magic Mountain," his friend

At Oxford Mr Clinton was such a voracious reader that he liked to talk into the small hours about his reading. His friend said: "Life with Bill Clinton was like a permanent open-ended seminar. He was a great talker and also a good listener. He has a very enquiring mind and great curiosity. Oxford for him was a liberat-

President Bush has also questioned Mr Clinton's trip to Moscow, while he was studying at Oxford, a year after the Soviet Union crushed the Prague Spring, But his friend said: "Bill's trips were intellectual tourism. As a Rhodes Scholar he was encouraged to travel and there were stipends to fund

ing experience."

## Memo by North ties Bush to deal on hostages

FROM JAMIE DECIMER IN WASHINGTON

A SECRET 1985 White House memorandum prepared in advance of a meeting in Washington between George Bush, then vice-president, and Terry Waite, the former special envoy to the Archbishop of Canterbury, suggests that Reagan administration officials wanted to enlist Mr Waite's help on a key aspect of the Iran-

Contra deal. It was not clear last night whether Mr Waite was aware of the administration's plans which might have compromised his position as an independent

negotiator. The document, which was drawn up by Colonel Oliver North, the National Security Council aide at the centre of the illegal armsfor-hostages arrangement with Tehran, talks of encouraging Mr Waite to persuade Kuwait to release 17 Iranian-backed terrorists held in the emirate. One passage in the lengthy memorandum says that American officials were eager for Mr Waite to explore ways of getting the Kuwaitis to accept "blood money" for the release of the terrorists, all members of the Tehran-supported

Dawa party. As well as casting new light on the puzzling relationship between Waite and Colonel North, the memorandum also provides evidence of the extent of President Bush's knowledge of the illegal Iran-Contra affair.

Recently, Mr Bush in-sisted that he was "out of the power loop" and had been excluded from White House meetings which dealt with the Iran-Contra affair. He has said he knew about the arms sales to Tehran but not that they involved a swap for Americans held hostage in Lebanon.

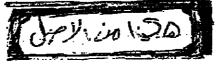
The memo, parts of which were published by The New York Times yesterday, show that National Security Council aides briefed Mr Bush on several complex aspects of their efforts to free American hostages. The document is likely to fuel Democrat claims that Mr Bush has tried to disguise his role in the Iran-Contra affair.

The document, which was prepared as an aidememoire for Mr Bush for his meeting with Mr Waite on November 26, 1985, familiarises the then vicepresident with the hostagereleasing efforts of the Church of England envoy. and details White House plans to use Mr Waite to secure the release of Ameri-

cans in the Middle East. In it, Mr North lays out an agenda for the meeting and informs Mr Bush of Mr Waite's help in trying to persuade Kuwait to release the 17 Dawa party terrorists, which Tehran had made in to one of its central demands in the Iran-Contra deal.

Mr North's memorandum would also seem to cast doubt on Mr Waite's assurances a few weeks later to Dr Robert Runcie. the then Archbishop of Canterbury, that his only contact with the American government had been to arrange transport for him-





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## Peking forecasts turmoil if Patten pushes reforms

From James Pringle in peking and Jonathan Braude in hong kong

CHINA took off the velve gloves yesterday and raised the spectre of confrontation. even turmoil, in Hong Kong if Chris Patten continued his efforts to expand democracy in

Leaving Peking after his first official visit here as Hong Kong's govenor. Mr Patten admitted that ten hours of talks with Chinese officials. including Lu Ping, in charge of policy on the colony, had been vigorous and said it was hardly a state secret that we did not see eye to eye on everything. The differences have not widened this week. Nor. frankly, can I say they have narrowed."

The crux of the talks was Britain's desire to expand democracy among the six million people of the colony before its handover to China in 1997, a move that has outraged Peking's authoritarian leadership. On the Chinese side, diplomatic niceties

**Squabbles** 

hit Tokyo

faction

FROM JOANNA PITMAN

THE ruling Liberal Demo-

crais in Japan, mired in a

multimillion-pound cor-

ruption scandal that

forced the resignation of

Shin Kanemaru, the se-

nior "kingmaker", have

embarked on an ugly dis-play of bickering and back-stabbing over who should

inherit his position as con-

troller of the party's funds

and appointments and

head of its largest faction.

Takeshita group, which ac-

counts for a quarter of the

party's parliamentary

seats, have been trying to

pick a new leader by

consensus, a goal which

has eluded them all week

because of squabbling.

Two camps have emerged.

Osawa, a former party

secretary-general and pro-tege of Mr Kanemaru. He

has anointed Tsutornu

Hata, the finance minis-

ter, as his candidate for

faction chief. The other is

headed by Ryutaro Hashi-moto, Mr Osawa's bitter.

and long-time rival who

intends to have Keizo

Obuchi, also a former sec-

retary-general, as faction

boss. Both Mr Osawa and

Mr Hashimoto are aiming

ultimately to become

prime minister.

The 109 members of the

threats that history will repeat itself if unilateral democratic change is implemented were abandoned after the not whether the pace of de-governor's departure yester-day. Mr Lu, director of Pe-ated," announced Mr Lu, 65, king's Hong Kong and Macau office, said that if Mr a patrician figure speaking quietly before a lacquer screen Patten carried on with his

ritory's Legislative Council and elect a new one under its own rules after 1997. Mr Patten was still airborne over China when the mailed fist, which it seems inevitably would have appeared at some time in the run-up to the British withdrawal from Hong Kong, was displayed, with Mr Lu electrifying a press conference by suddenly talking of confrontation. "The

in the second world war.

said, "there was an unfortu-

nate period when our country

brought profound suffering to

the Chinese people. I feel a deep sense of grief about this."

essence of our differences is seek a smooth transfer."

**Emperor expresses** 

grief at China war

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

plans for greater democracy,

China would disband the ter-

China, which has fomented unrest in moil" can only serve to increase anxieties in Hong Kong where Mr Patten will Hong Kong before, is making thinly veiled report this morning to the Legislative Council on his

£13.5 billion airport to be built at Chek Lap Kok, about which there has been disagreement. He said he had told Mr Patten that, if the British side went ahead with the works without agreement with China, it would violate the memorandum of understanding on the project between the two sides. Mr Lu implied China would not agree that aircraft taking off from Chek Lap Kok could enter Chinese airspace.
At his press conference, Mr

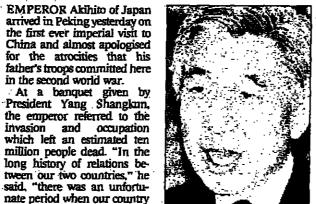
Patten had been just as adamant. This airport will be built, not because it serves British interests in any way but because Hong Kong needs it". Mr Patten, whose gamble on expanding democracy in the colony has relied on his political guile in deftly expanding the franchise within the framework of the Basic Law, said that the bulk of the discussions had been on proposals for the colony's political development which, he said. most Hong Kong people

Referring to 1995 legislative elections, he noted: "Detailed arrangements have to be put in place well before then." Having given, in effect, a deadline to the Chinese side, Mr Patten said he would welcome it if those who criticised his proposals came up with alternatives.

Last night, Mr Lu's comments provoked a storm of defiance in Hong Kong with the governor and his support-ers standing firm behind his proposals. However, conservative businessmen and pro-Peking elements urged

Martin Lee, the chairman of the Liberal United Democrats, said he would support Mr Patten against Chinese interference and called on the governor not to back down. did not want the governor to have cold feet. She issued a warning that "if he changed his mind now he will be ruined for ever".

It remained to be seen whether, with the threat of possible confrontation looming, the Legislative Council and the Hong Kong business community would support Mr Patten's bold moves to expand democracy or whether, with the view to China's past ability to foment "turmoil" in the territory, they will begin to bend with the cold winds blowing from Peking.



depicting green bamboo stalks, and tapping a pencil to emphasis his points. The essence is whether there

should be co-operation or

there should be confrontation.

Of course, the Chinese side

does not wish to seek confron-tation ... however, this does

not depend only on the will of

one side." Mr Lu said he

hoped that both sides would

proceed from the viewpoint of

continued Sino-British friend-

ship. "Now we have to see the British side has the sincerity to

Akihito: Chinese

As an apology, it matched what the emperor has said to instead of an old enemy just other Asian countries which suffered at the hands of Japanese troops. But it did not go as far as most Chinese would security has been tightened. No one wants to confront have liked. Police have suppressed groups. Peking. But the Chinese must siderable pressure Japan's mand compensation from Ja own decisions. Emily Lau, an independent liberal, said she plate an apology for the war, and the Japanese emperor

must not be seen as a humiliated, frail human rather than a descendant of the gods. Chinese leaders, keen to host the visit, agreed in advance that they would not embarrass the emperor by pressing for an apology. President Yang, however, could not resist mentioning the war briefly, saying that Sino-Japanese relations went an unfortunate

period. Some Chinese are furious that the emperor is being greeted like an old friend



suffered profoundly

because Peking wants to attract more investment from Japan. With emotions high, with apartments overlooking the emperor's route were told to keep their windows shut. The imperial programme

consists mainly of sight-seeing in Peking, Xian and Shanghai. But the visit is intended to set the tone for increased trade, investment and technology exchange. The Chinese did not seem to have spruced up Peking for the emperor in the same way as they did for the Queen in 1986. A Japa-nese woman awaiting the imperial arrival at the airport fell down an uncovered manhole and litter blew around.



Suspended animation: a baby sleeps in a cloth hanging from a roof in Kalimantan, Indonesia

## Mandela's bodyguard 'tortured ANC men'

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

NELSON Mandela's bodyguard, M.B. "Jomo" Mavuso, was named by a newspaper yesterday as one of the "concentration camp" guards who tortured African National Congress detainees during the movement's exile in Angola.
Other senior ANC figures

were also named by The Weekly Mail as having been directly involved in assaults, torture and murder. Some members of the leadership have also been accused of failing to stop the ill-treatment of the prisoners, who were held in the camps after being suspected of betraying the movement to the South African authorities.

The leaders who, the paper says, must or should have known and did not act to stop what was this week described by the ANC's own enquiry as "staggering brutality", include Oliver Tambo, the honorary president: Chris Hani, the secretary-general of the South Africa Communist party: Joe Modise, the commander of the ANC's armed wing Umkhonto we Sizwe and a member of the national executive committee and the national working committee of the ANC: and Joe Nhlanhla, former head of security and also currently a member of both

The disclosures follow the ANC's report, published on Monday, which described the horrific treatment meted out to those held in the camps. That report did not name any of the people accused of involvement, but added a list of names privately to the copy submitted to Mr Mandela, the ANC president. he ANC has officially refused to publish the names until the accused have had a chance to defend themselves in front of an independent tribunal. Others who have been ac-

cused by the Mail of direct involvement in abuses include Mzwandile "Mzwai" Piliso. an ANC executive member until last year and now head of its manpower department. Andrew Masondo, the ANC's chief representative in Uganda, has been accused by the Mail's sources of ordering the torture of alleged dissidents, some of whom died as a result.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF Israel adds salt bullets to arsenal

Jerusalem: The Israeli military is planning to add salt bullets to its extensive arsenal of anti-riot equipment used in daily confrontations with Palestinian demonstrators in the occupied territories (Richard Beeston writes).

According to the Israeli army magazine, Bamahaneh, the new weapon being devel-oped consists of a carridge containing six pellets of crystallised salt, which will be fired like buckshot from ar attachment on a normal assault rifle. The pellets cause a burning on the skin which lasts a few days.

#### Bank wrecked

Luanda: A bomb here wrecked a bank and damaged a hotel used by diplomats mediating in the country's political crisis. The explosion was the latest in a series of violent incidents since last month's poll defeat was rejected by Unita rebels. (AP)

#### Winner named

Yaounde: A court made up of his appointees has declared Paul Biya, the Cameroon president, the winner after the country's first democratic presidential elections. Independent observers said the poil was marred by widespread irregularities. (AP)

## Victims dug out

San Saivador: More victims, mostly children, were unearthed from a mass grave at El Mozote, northeast El Salvador. About 1.000 civilians are believed to have been killed during a four-day massacre in

#### Aquino libelled

Manila: A columnist and his publisher were jailed for two years and ordered to pay £50,000 damages to Corazon Aquino, the former Philippines president, after claiming she hid under her bed during a 1987 coup attempt.

### Deadly service

Oakland: Research by the University of California has found that non-smoking waiters and waitresses are up to two times more likely to die from lung cancer as other nonsmokers. (Reuter)

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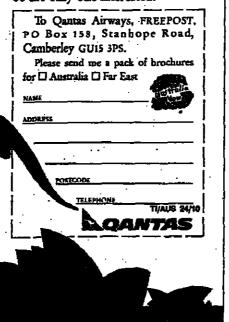
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## **Togolese** soldiers free MPs

FROM ALAIN BOMMENEL IN LOME

TOGOLESE troops yesterday released parliamentarians they had held hostage for 25 hours, demanding millions of pounds in the latest showdown between security forces and the interim authorities. Several employees came out of the congress building on foot, followed by members of the republic high council in cars.

A source close to President ".dema, the Togolese miliully ruler for a quarter of a century, said the soldiers "had got what they wanted". The troops, holding more than 40 hostages at machinegun-point had demanded the return of funds they had been forced to pay over the years to the former sole party, the

Togolese People's Rally. Cardinal Philippe Kpodzro, the Roman Catholic leader. and the Speaker of parliament, had pushed through a bill "ordering the banks to release the funds", the source said. The national conference that set up Togo's interim administration froze the assets of the party, about £15 million, in August last year. (AFP)

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## Scuppering of Kinnock

AS NEIL Kinnock once more ponders his future, it seems that the objections to John Major voiced by Tory backbenchers were not the only thing that finally stopped him becoming a European commissioner. It now emerges that one of the main stumbling blocks was Kinnock's own grandiose idea of the brief he wanted.

Kinnock and Jacques Delors had discussions last summer, during interest in the social affairs portfolio. "He would only have considered going to Brussels in a role in which he believed he could have real influence over affairs in Britain," says a Labour source.

Yet much as Delors saw Kinnock as a natural ally, he recognised, too, that seeing Kinnock holding the social affairs brief when Britain has opted out of the social chapter would have been just too much for the government to stomach. He told the former Labour leader that he did not think he could deliver. "It would have been like giving Denmark the defence portfolio, joked a Brussels observer.

Things then started to grow really complicated. Sir Leon Brittan, the other British commissioner, had his own views about seniority, and John Smith was said to be keen to see his predecessor out of the way. By the end, Kinnock was telling friendly journalists that want a job in Brussels anyway and had not been an "open contender".

#### Song in her heart

JUDY Campbell, who gave the first ever rendition of "A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square", will be repeating the performance for the first time in 42 years next month. She has agreed to sing the song



time Britain when she joins several hundred guests at the launch of Lucinda Lambton's latest book, The Magnificent Menagerie.

Other attractions will include a smattering of dogs which have been asked along as chaperones. Canine dress for the day is bows and bells, and unsuitably attired dogs will not be admitted

#### Shadowy dealings

MEANWHILE, Labour is facing another Euro-storm as the Tribune Group, of which Neil Kinnock and half of the shadow cabinet remain fully-paid up members, plans to publish an anti-Maastricht pamphlet. This week the 22 Labour MEPs in the group suspended their membership in protest, daim-ing they had not even been consultto be presented at the party's Euro-

pean conference in November.
"We were extremely annoyed that the first we heard about the pamphlet was this week," says Vayne Davio, the MEP for South Wales. "This is clearly a crude means of trying deliberately to ex-clude us from any consultation."

#### Captain's log

AFTER resigning from the board of Mirror Group Newspapers, per-haps Joe Haines will want to use his retirement to revise some of the

official hagiography, Mowell.
Yet according to Nick Davies, the former Mirror foreign editor whose The Unknown Maxwell appears on November 5, the anniversary of the captain's death. Haines will find it hard. Maxwell himself certainly thought so. Davies once asked Maxwell why he employed Haines to write his biography.

"Because after he had written one biography of me he could never write another." Maxwell replied. He knew full well that when Haines had left Downing Street, he had written a devastating account of the more ludicrous antics of the Wilson administration. Maxwell was determined that Haines would never do the same to him.

• Whatever happened to the brolly and bowler? Sitting next to Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary. when the asylum bill was launched this week was a striking individual in ponytail and gold earring. Stand up Peter Wrench, the senior civil servant in charge of piloting the bill through Parliament. "He is famous not just for the hair but his flamboyant ties," says a proud colleague. Ties? How dreadfully conventional.

Kenneth Baker celebrates the anarchic art of George Cruikshank, master of political caricature

# The scourge of authority

eorge Cruikshank was the last of a line of from 1760 to 1820. The greatest of these was Gillray but there was also the rather gentler Rowlandson and a host of others including Sayers, Dighton, Darley and George's

Born 200 years ago, George was brought up in his father's studio —
"I was cradled in caricature" — and learnt by finishing some of the drawings started by Gillray. He lived on until the 1870s, but he changed direction and became a book illustrator when the fashion of selling separate caricatures faded and publishers found it easier to sell their books with pictures. The unknown Dickens was glad that Cruikshank illustrated his first book, Sketches by Boz, while his drawings in Oliver Twist of Oliver asking for more and Fagin in the death cell are stored in the pictorial

memory of millions. But for me his best work is his earliest: the caricatures that he published from 1810 to 1821. As newspapers in the late 18th century did not have illustrations, a flourishing trade developed of shops selling separately printed caricatures covering the political issues of the day. These were exched by the artist on copper and about 1,000 copies were run off — they were sold for sixpence plain and a shilling coloured in about 20 shops in

rowds used to gather outside Hannah Humphreys's famous shop in St James's Street to see the latest scurrilous attacks on the king, Napoleon or the leading politicians who came to be recognised by the public through their

These artists were all living close to the breadline. They were paid 25 or 30 shillings for one caricature. At the height of his popularity, Cruikshank managed to raise this to three guineas. In order to live, they had to produce a lot of etchings and some were openly for hire by the

As a boy of 15 during the closing stages of the Napoleonic war. George helped his father with cartoons attacking Napoleon. In one, Napoleon, who had just been exiled to Elba, sits not upon a throne, but a chamberpot, the cannon is made from his old boot; and he has an enema busy under

Napoleon, too, knew the power of the cartoon because he instructed his minister of police to get caricaturists to lampoon George III and Pitt. Both Cruikshank and Gillra at the height of their powers had real political influence.

The art of caricature is to hold the subject up to ridicule through distortion and exaggeration: bosoms are large and overflowing; paunches and bottoms burst through breeches; the royal family was a drunken and immoral gang; and politicians either had their hands in other people's pockets or up somebody else's skirt. There is irreverence, sometimes anger, always scorn, and all verging into hilarious anarchy. The great carica-turists have to rein in and focus the anarchic potential of their art.



Professor Robert Patten in his excellent new book, George Cruikshank's Life, Times and Art, Vol I 1792-1835, (Lutterworth Press, £35) puts it well: "in the caricaturists' theatre each man and woman had a price; the exchange of power, money or sex becomes a ential transaction that ex-

plains all that goes wrong. In 1812, Isaac Cruikshank died of drink and by then Gillray had sunk into madness. At the age of 20, it was up to George to continue their great tradition. One of his favourite targets was the Prince Regent. In one carroon, Cruikshank used the newly invented bicycle in a splendid drawing to depict the Prince of Wales being ridden by his mistress, Lady Hertford. She is clearly in charge and the medallion around her the George and Dragon.

The Prince Regent tried to stop such caricatures by ordering the attorney-general to prosecute the artists. But, to their great credit, London juries did not convict. When he ascended the throne as George IV in 1820, he bought up whole issues of cartoons, including the copper plates, in order to destroy them.

In 1819-20, the country was close to revolution. The government introduced the most draconian measures; Habeas Corpus had been suspended; political meetings were banned; a newspaper tax was



The Freeborn Englishman (left) and the Dandy of Sixty

introduced to put the price of newspapers beyond the reach of ordinary people. Cruikshank responded by producing his cartoon of a free born Englishman: John cled and ragged, clutches in his bound hands a paper saying Freedom of the Press, as Magna Carta is trampled upon. The attorneygeneral said it was "an indecent

n the same year, Cruikshank joined William Hone, a radi-cal publisher, to produce the first popular political pam-phlet called The Political House that Jack Built". Instead of cooper etchings that had to be printed separately, Cruikshank used wooden engravings that could be printed zside Hone's satirical noem The pamphlet went to over 20 editions in six months and was called "gunpowder in boxwood". One of the illustrations was the Dandy of Sixty, a man of vain pomposity where the Prince of Wales feathers are replaced by peacock feathers and hanging among all his Orders is a

King George was so appalled at these attacks that in June he paid Cruikshank £100 (nearly £4,400 today) to secure a pledge "not to caricature His Majesty in any immoral situation". Cruikshank stuck precisely to those terms and

Bush in a way that Norman Schwarzkopf could only compare

only drew pictures of the king as a drunken debauchee. The situation changed, however, when Caroline, the Queen Consort, decided to return to England to claim her right to be queen. She had an Italian lover, who was her major domo, and she soon became a figure of furt. Cruikshank supported her cause.

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In his famous cartoon, George and Caroline are depicted in green bags (the green bags were equiva-lent to today's red dispatch boxes). A commission had been set up to investigate the alleged adultery of Oueen Camine and the evidence had been submitted to Parliament in green bags. This caught the public's imagination and it was not long before the wags claimed that when it came to adultery the king's Dag would be much digger than th queen's. This superb cartoon of the two bags, with its pear-shaped figures, predates the cartoons of Philippon and Daumier by 30

By this time, Cruikshank was following his own father. Hone urged him not to spend so much time on "blue ruin and the dollies". His successors, Doyle and Leech, didn't have his bite, anger or vulgarity. The great age of carica-ture had ended, Punch was about to take over.

The author, former home secretary. is MP for Mole Valley.

## Deception and the art of desert wars

Alistair Horne on the obstacles facing Allied generals at El Alamein fifty years ago and in the battle against Saddam

n 18th-century French jour-nalist, Antoine de Rivarol, A nalist. Antoine de Kivarol. wrote caustically of the Allied coalitions confronting revolutionary France: they were, he said, "always late by a year, by an army, and by an idea". That the same, fortunately, could not be written about the American-dominated, but fragile coalition which smashed Saddam Hussein's vast army, is principally thanks to one man -General Norman Schwarzkopf.

I first met the general in the Gulf a few weeks before the unleashing of Desert Storm. At first glimpse it was not altogether easy to take seriously the bear-like figure, bursting out of his desert fatigues. But within five minutes it was plain that here was a most remarkable man. Speaking very openly, he made it clear that the lessons of Vietnam

had been learnt, and that the coming battle would be "short and sharp". I was able, without much difficulty, to write at the time that he would prove "a Patton not a Monty", and that - rather than butt his head up frontally against Saddam's formidable fixed defences - he would perform (in American football parlance) "an end run far to the west".

And so it was. But what history now reveals is that, in addition to being a brilliant strategist and battlefield manager, he was also a diplomat and politician of quite staggering ability and a man of great personal charm. For a paral-lel, one has to reach back to the second world war, and even that

Even though his highly readable memoirs, It Doesn't Take a Hero (Bantam, £17.99), are ghosted, his

personality strides out of every page, Norman Schwarzkopf's life has been the story of contemporary America. Commissioned in the wake of the Korean war, he went through the hell of Vietnam as a young infantry officer. The uncaring slovenliness and incompetence of America's officer corps made the profoundest impression on him. On Christmas day, the spectacle of a junior officer relaxing in the mess when he should have been sharing a foxhole with the troops in the jungle, sent him into one of his legendary "ballistic" rages — and the captain back to the States. Returning home, he was shocked to find himself cold-shouldered by an anti-war public. Like Monty, his army's debility drove him to becoming a reformer, something of a martinet, and, clearly, not an easy man to serve.

While he was in London this week, launching his book, I asked General Schwarzkopf, a commander unusually well-grounded in military history, what had been the precedents for his classic battle plan of Desert Storm. The Manstein plan which had defeated France by splitting the Allied armies in May 1940 was one; though more immediate, he said, had been its forerunner, the Schlieffen plan of 1914.

This great turning movement was intended to swing the Kaiser's army round behind Paris, taking the French from the rear. It failed just; but it was a similar manoeivre, of far greater daring, which enabled General Schwarzkopf to pin Saddam's Republican Guard up against the Euphrates within a bundred hours. In executing this movement, with its bold



shift of divisions from one flank to the other, he admitted that he had particularly been aided by Montgomery's brilliant deception plan at El Alamein: "I thought about that a lot." On which of the great US commanders of the second world war — Eisenhower. Bradley and Patton - did he then like to model himself, I asked. "A bit of all three." he replied: "Ike for his diplomatic skill. Bradley for his care of his troops, Patton for his drive."

e did not, in the style of Monty, have a portrait of I his adversary, Saddam, above his desk, "though I had a mental picture of his character, and people kept sending me voodoo dolls to stick pins in!" Nor, as rumour had it, did he have a photo of Monty at hand. Yet certain parallels do spring to mind; he was the ruthless reformer, dedicated to looking after his men and husbanding lives as top priorities. At least in the context of timing, he was perhaps more Monty than Patton, refusing - with the lessons



of Vietnam in mind — to attack until assured of overwhelming superiority and total readiness ("Why won't he attack?" they complained back in Washington, echoing Churchill in 1942.) Such was the scale of the victory that, using what General Schwarzkopf calls "20-20 hindsight", one now tends to forget what a formidable force, on paper, Saddam had been

In contrast to the inexperienced, easy-going Eisenhower, General Schwarzkopf kept his generals on the tightest of reins, never letting them behave like runaway prima donnas, as Patton did. Commanders like the unfortunate General Franks of VII Corps, accused of moving too slowly, constantly wanting to regroup as if confronted by a Warsaw Pact army or German Wehrmacht, must have had a rough time from stormin' Norman On the other hand, General Schwarzkopf's respect for his boss, Colin Powell, was total. "Half general, half politician". Powell had the confidence of President

with Roosevelt's great second world war chief-of-staff, George C Marshall — the equivalent of Churchill's Alanbrooke. Though not as fiercely critical of defence secretary Dick Cheney as Sir Peter de la Billière was of Tom King in the British context, he speaks with fury of Mr Cheney coming up with his own civilian armchair critic's plan ("as bad as it could possibly be") at the worst possible moment. At the glittering Imperial War Museum reception this week, where General Schwarzkopi was reunited with General de la Billière and most of the British Gulf war commanders, there was frequent reference to Montgomery. It was, almost to the day, the 50th anniversary of El Alamein. But where the parallels fall down is in the uneas abrasive relationships that existed between Monty and his American superior, Ike. Monty, the superb professional, battle-hardened in vo world wars, came to despise Ike for his lack of wartime command experience, and of strategic grip; but failed to appreciate the scale of the Supreme Allied Commander's problems in running an immense

military coalition. By contrast, Schwarzkopf and de la Billière mirrored each other in professionalism and battle experience. "There was an instantaneous rapport between us," the former told me, "here was a soldier you could trust": sentiments that have been precisely echoed by General de la Billière. Of course, the numerical relationships were radically different; whereas at D-Day 1944. British forces were virtually at parity with the Americans, in the Gulf it was as one to ten. Yet the good vibes between the two must have aided incalculably the smooth running of

General Schwarzkopf is, to my Alistair Horne is currently working

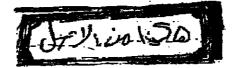
problems, compared with Eisenhower's Admittedly, Ike had vastly greater numbers, a longer campaign and a much more dangerous foe — as well as those prickly subordinates, Monty and Patton. But he did not have the daily diplomatic stresses of smoothing the sensibilities of Arab partners. where a complete ban on alcohol and pin-ups had to be rigorously observed; Christmas carols trans-mitted without words so as not to ofiend Moslem susceptibilities; and a semblance of decision-sharing with the Saudi hosts maintained.

n one respect above all others Ike was fortunate: in the ab-sence of a high-tech media. General Schwarzkopf agreed with me that had there been, in 1944, instantaneous television coverage on Omaha Beach such as flowed hourly out of the Gulf, there would have been no D-Day plus two. More important, by playing on doveish sympathies in both Washington and London, the media undoubtedly accelerated the end of the battle — to the subsequent benefit of Saddam.

It was, he added, "a manage-ment problem; do you realise, in Victnam during the Tet offensive, we had 80 press, and news came on TV 36 hours later; in the Gulf we had 2,060 - and instantaneous TV - how do you control such a

nuge number? This was a concern vigorously echoed by General de la Billière who had Tom King, breathing down the telephone every time Jeremy Paxman asked an awkward question. All agreed that in the Falklands and the Gulf, short wars with limited casualties, we were extremely lucky. But what about future conflicts? "I don't know", admits General Schwarzkopt, "perhaps censorship is the answer ...

mind, excessively modest about his on a study of Montgomery.



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## TOMLINSON TREATMENT

Beware physicians who protest too much

The government's creaking political machine has failed to deliver the right message about Sir Bernard Tomlinson's report on health provision in London. Unlike Michael Heseltine's poorly researched and inad-equately argued case for pit closures, the Tomlinson report presents a convincing and generally positive message. Yet from the title at the top of yesterday's press release -Tomlinson Report Recommends Shake-Up in London's Health Services" - to the defensive tone of Virginia Bottomley's statement in parliament, in which she refused even to promise that revenues from selling hospital sites would stay within the health service, the government seemed intent on accentuating the largely spurious negatives and downplaying the benefits that should flow from Tomlinson's plans.

The Tomlinson report is not primarily about closing hospitals. Still less is it about "allowing one thousand years of history and service to be destroyed as a result of market forces," to quote one emotionally overwrought London MP from the supposedly pro-market Liberal Democrat Party.

The report's most important section is about improving the facilities and medical care provided by Britain's most over-worked and inadequately funded group of general practitioners. Inner London lags well behind most of the country in the number of GPs per head and the quality of service they provide. Yet it has far more hospital beds and higher spending on acute medical care than any other region. The main conclusion of the Tomlinson report is the one that has been obvious to every independent authority to have reviewed London's medical requirements. Resources should be shifted from the - hospitals, where they are underused, to the GPs, where they are most needed.

Tomlinson's second main recommendation is to move underemployed doctors and underused hospital beds out of cramped and inefficient Victorian buildings in sparselyinhabited parts of central London, into more modern facilities nearer to patients' homes. This relocation of specialised medical services, has provoked predictable outrage. Yet the proposed cutbacks are not nearly as tough as the headlines suggest.

The anti-Tomlinson campaign is claiming, for example, that ten of the famous London hospitals will close forever. These include such guaranteed sympathy-winners as the Royal Marsden cancer hospital, the Queen Elizabeth hospital for children and the Queen Charlotte maternity hospital. Most horrifying of all is said to be the bulldozing of St Bartholomew's hospital, an institution founded one thousand years ago in the City (total resident population today, fewer than 5,000) and home of "Western Europe's only unit dealing with complications of children's eve cancer".

Mmost of these claims are simply untrue. Tomlinson would not stop cancer research and treatment at the Edwardian Royal Marsden, but simply move it to modern facilities two miles up the Fulham Road at the Charing Cross Hospital. The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, already administered as part of Great Ormond Street, would not disgorge its sick babies on the streets, but treat them at another site in Homerton.

If the Tomlinson proposals would actually improve the health service, why are the doctors up in arms? The likeliest answer emerges from the report's third main recommendation, of which most public protesters neither know nor care. From the doctors' point of view the most important facilities that Tomlinson wants to move out of London are not hospital beds, but a limited number of university teaching posts, research centres and senior consultancies. At present these can conveniently be combined with hugely lucrative private practices in Harley Street. Physicians, heal thyselves.

## A TURKISH REALITY

Kurdish culture cannot be wished away

year after being asked to form the Turkish government was to recognise what he called -- the "Kurdish reality". To an outside world, acknowledgment of the ethnic identity of one fifth of the country's 60 million population seems common sense. In the context of Turkish politics, the words were brave.

> The very word Kurdish is controversial within the Turkish vocabulary. Although it is accepted that Kurds exist, they are not considered a minority. Although ethnic Kurds reach high ranks in the civil service, politics and the military, the necessary condition for this is that they speak and behave in public like everyone else.

> While many Turkish Kurds, particularly those who live in the west of the country are happy to assimmilate, others resent having to pay that price. The belief in the largely Kurdish south-east is that the coalition government has done little to dislodge the army and police from doing pretty much as they please. This means torturing suspects and intimidating of people suspected of being Kurdish national partisans.

> This is a particularly bitter charge against Mr Demirel, a man who was himself twice overthrown by the Turkish military. The possibility is now that Turkey, on the verge of shaking off for ever the charge of "being not quite democratic", will again be dragged before international opinion critical of its performance on human rights.

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If Turkey's friends have held back from criticism it is because they believe that Turkey faces a thuggish and Stalinist opponent in the form of the Kurdistan Workers Party or PKK. The PKK's strategy of violence is aimed to fuel through acts of

One of Suleyman Demirel's first acts last violence the unlicensed authority of Turkey's security forces and thus to prove that the Turkish state is incapable of reform.

What Mr Demirel now appears to be doing is to give his own military their head. The Turkish army is operating far into northern Iraqi territory, in land held by the fracti Kurds, in the attempt to destroy the PKK's mountain bases. The Iraqi Kurds themselves, fed up with giving sanctuary to agents provocateurs, have themselves begun a similar operation against the PKK.

The Turkish government cannot afford to continue to sanction a policy of internal repression that divides the loyalties of its own people. To introduce reform, Mr Demirel must convince his own supporters that genuine displays of Kurdish identity will not inflame Balkan-style intolerance.

Some reforms could be made tomorrow. Although Turks can now watch uncensored films on private television stations beamed from Paris, they cannot legally listen to even a news bulletin in Kurdish. It simply does not make sense for Mr Demirel to maintain, as he does, that such broadcasts would threaten the unity of the Turkish state. In a pluralist world, the reverse is true.

At frequent conferences staged at Istanbul's new five-star hotels, messages are simultaneously translated into the ears of visiting notables that Turkey - democratic, secular, and committed to the market - has become a stable vessel in a region of turbulent change. In points through the Kurdish south-east, the boat has sprung a leak. These leaks have to be parched if Turkey is to become the democratic society it wants to be, and if it is to play the international role in the region that it should.

## **DESERT TURNING POINT**

Why we should all remember Alamein

Tomorrow the old soldiers and the statesmen gather in the wastelands of Egypt's western desert to commemorate a battle that has become one of the most evocative names in modern warfare. Fifty years ago at an insignificant railway halt called El Alamein the barrage opened up to begin a 12-day battle that turned the tide of the Desert War. That was not all that it turned. Churchill said of the Battle of Egypt in his speech at the Mansion House on November 10, 1942: "This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning." Complex events such as world wars never have simple crises or climaxes. But, making allowances for authorial exaggeration, Churchill was not far wrong when he wrote in The Hinge of Fate that before Alamein the Allies never had a victory: after Alamein, they never had a defeat. It was the moment when the embattled and battered United Kingdom recognised that it was not going to lose.

For the next three years these fiftieth anniversaries of the Second World War are coming up not single spies but in battalions. They do some harm in a world where the power structure has suddenly dissolved, and the nations are struggling to find a way forward to a new world order. They encourage the British in their looking backwards to the days when they were a great power, and stood alone. Already the political élite in Bonn have shown that they want nothing to do with what they see as a sentimental military show. John Major and

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Malcolm Rifkind are representing Britain. The other Allies are sending their defence ministers. Germany will be represented by its minister of science and technology.

With the exception of Trafalgar, which can be defined as another sudden and unexpected and clearcut turning-back of an attempt to dominate Europe, Britain prefers to celebrate its defeats rather than its victories: the battles of Hastings and Dunkirk rather than Crecy and the D-Day Normandy landings.

But there was something special about Alamein. In the Desert War for the first time there were numerous pictures, both still and moving, whose grainy nostalgia is irresistible to television producers and magazine editors. It was fought in a virtually empty arena, and was therefore more clearcut than the confusion of most modern battles. It was perhaps the last war to retain some pretence of chivalry, because of terrain and conditions that were harsh and alien to all combatants. Rommel became a hero admired almost as much by his enemies as his own men.

The Desert Rats of Montgomery's 8th Army and the veterans of Rommel's Afrika Korps have been sentimentalised by film and print into heroic puppets of the big lie that there is something romantic about war. Many of them were brave, above and beyond the call of duty. And it is fitting that the survivors should tomorrow commemorate the most historic moment in their lives, and the brave men who did their duty on both sides, and paid the final price.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR 1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 071-782 5000

#### BBC board and public interest

From the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the BBC

Sir, We would like to put on record how the BBC is governed and how the governors' role should evolve. We write with the support and agreement of all governors.

The board provides a buffer between government and the BBC, underwriting the BBC's independence. We are responsible for oversight of the BBC, for agreeing its strategy and considering issues of broad policy.

We do not involve ourselves in its

day-to-day management, for we are not professional broadcasters. We ensure that significant policy de-cisions take account of the public interest. Last week, for instance, we were insistent that Radio 4 should remain on long wave until we are satisfied with progress on FM.

We are also responsible for the health of the BBC's finances. The audit committee, a board subcom-mittee established by the governors under the chairmanship of Lord Barnett, is currently examining an overspend in BBC Television. It will report to the board once its work is

We have given a great deal of thought to accountability and what it means for the BBC. We recognise that the public interest is best served by a clear separation of powers, between an executive management on the one hand and a regulatory body on the other, with authority to hold management to account. We also recognise the need to clarify and codify the roles of both boards, so that the public may know exactly where responsibility lies, and how it is exercised.

Improved accountability is a key aspect of the case for charter renewal. So is transparent efficiency. So is a clear editorial purpose. These are our goals and we mean to achieve them.

The governors met in the summer of 1991 to consider who should lead the BBC as director-general in the run up to the charter. We agreed that John Birt had been an outstanding deputy director-general and that he was the right man for the future.

At the same time we recognised the contribution Michael Checkland had made and continued to make in leading the BBC. We decided his contract should be extended for a further year, and that John Birt should be confirmed as his successor.

Since then the two have worked closely together, particularly on charter renewal, as co-authors of the document to be published in the autumn. As they made clear at the Royal Television Society's symposium on Tuesday (report, October 21) they stand four-square and together behind the BBC's editorial vision, its resource policies and all other aspects of the BBC's case.

The governors know the period of change before us is greater and more challenging than any we have yet faced. We have no doubt we are set on the right course, with the strategy and the incoming leadership to see the journey through.

Yours faithfully, MARMADUKE HUSSEY (Chairman), BARNETT (Vice-Chairman),

British Broadcasting Corporation, Broadcasting House, W1. October 23.

#### Tunnel rail link

From Lady Corisande Bain Smith

Sir, Your report of October 20 on cuts in the cost of building the Channel tunnel rail link makes no mention of freight. Is there really a "supertrain" which can carry freight over this roller-coaster ride, with its swirling tight curves and gradients of 1 in 40, and why has this marvel not previously been revealed?

Curiously, the only part of the route on which no realignments have leaked is the 17-mile stretch between Detling and Ashford - the very section which BR has said is unsuitable for freight. It would therefore appear there is no intention to build a fully shared passenger and freight railway with passing loops on a twotrack system, as provided in the German Neubaustrecke and proposed in the Rail-Europe scheme.

It seems that what little freight the link will carry may be restricted to parcels and the limited amounts which can be carried on trains with performance characteristics similar to the passenger trains.

Since the chosen corridor precludes expansion to four-track, is the option to carry classic, or conventional, freight to be closed for ever?

Yours sincerely, C. BAIN SMITH, Wickens Manor, Charing, Nr Ashford, Kent. October 22.

#### Ministerial secrecy

From Lord Finsberg

Sir, As a former minister in Mrs Thatcher's government I must correct Simon Jenkins (article, October 10) on the issue of confidentiality. Ministers do sign an Official Secrets Act letter. I still have the one in my file that I signed in 1979 and I consider this binds me permanently.

Yours faithfully, FINSBERG.

## Risks to health of our high-fat diet

From the Director of the Family Heart Association

Sir, Although your report, "Experts clash over health risk of a high-fat diet" (October 19), cites evidence in Circulation, the journal of the American Heart Association, as indicating that "universal screening and treat-ment of people with high blood cholesterol should end", the article adds that "intervention should be limited to those in our population for whom the benefits clearly predominate over the harms (those with coronary heart disease [CHD] or other reasons for being at very high risk of CHD death)".

The "other reasons" relate to the presence of risk factors such as high blood pressure, smoking or family history of CHD. Even in women, whose cholesterol level may be marginally higher without harm. these factors are relevant.

In the United Kingdom one person in 500 has a genetic condition indicating their vulnerability caused by an abnormally high level of cholesterol. Up to 70 per cent of the population possess the other risk factors mentioned. Given the criteria outlined in the Circulation article, up to three quarters of the British population would be justified in seeking information about their cholesterol levels.

The relationship between high cholesterol and coronary heart disease remains undisputed and a modified diet, low in saturated fat and high in fibre, has been clearly shown to be beneficial.

Yours faithfully, DON W. STEELE, Director, Family Heart Association, Wesley House, 7 High Street, Kidlington, Oxford. October 21.

#### From the Chairman of the Royal College of General Practitioners

Sir. You do a disservice (leading article, "Excess of advice", October 19) to those who are trying to battle against the appalling toll of heart disease in the UK. As you point out, cholesterol testing is not the only risk factor for heart disease. Yet there is evidence to suggest that cholesterol has an important role to play in heart disease, particularly when there are other risk factors involved, such as

smoking or high blood pressure. Your spectre of "whole swaths of the population ... [defined] as potential recipients for powerful drugs" is unlikely: in the majority of cases of raised cholesterol GPs will need to go no further than suggesting diet and lifestyle changes. You also say that the concentration on cholesterol is diverting attention from smoking, which 'remains by far the most important" risk factor for heart disease. Tell that to the Japanese, whose menfolk smoke like chimneys, while having a low rate of heart disease.

Obviously everyone has to die-premature death is what we are trying to prevent. One in five men in Britain have a heart attack before they reach the age of 65, and many of those will

not work again. Apart from the distress, anguish and financial difficulties this causes to their families, heart disease costs the UK economy an estimated £1.4 billion a year in lost production. There is thus an economic as well as social justification for

As a GP. I have no interest in "planning and banning". My patients can accept or reject the advice I give them. That does not mean that I should avoid giving it. You say that "description should never descend into prescription until certainty has been achieved". Certainty is very difficult to achieve in medicine: for instance, we cannot yet be certain that smoking causes lung cancer, only that

there is a strong associative link.

Doctors have to work on the best information available at the time. The advice we give a decade hence may change as a result of scientific enquiry. but that is no argument for sitting back and doing nothing.

Yours faithfully. COLIN WAINE (Chairman of Council). Royal College of General Practitioners. 14 Princes Gate, Hyde Park, SW7.

From Dr R. W. A. Linden

Sir, You say, as far as our health is concerned, that "moderation in all things remains the only sensible advice", along with "a healthy scepticism towards the planners and banners who would dictate everyone's lives if only they could". However, many years ago I was told that the most important thing was to outlive the present theory.

So far so good! Yours faithfully, ROGER W. A. LINDEN, King's College, Physiology Group, Strand, WC2.

## Coffee and cholesterol

From Ms Sophia Papadopoulos

Sir. Heather Kirby's suggestion ("Cholesterol: how low to go", Body and Mind. October 14) that drinking other than filtered coffee can raise cholesterol levels is factually incorrect. Research in the UK (European Journal of Clinical Nutrition, vol 43) has specifically shown that instant

coffee (the most popular type in the UK) has no effects on blood cholesof preparing coffee (rarely used in this country, and involving boiling ground coffee for long periods) produces a brew which can elevate blood choles-

No other type of coffee studied including instant, drip-filtered and decaffeinated - has such properties; and the cholesterol-raising lipid can be removed from boiled coffee by using a paper filter.

Yours sincerely, S. PAPADOPOULOS, Coffee Science Information Centre, Cherwell House, Little Tew, Oxford. October 21.

## Changing places

From Dr G. B. White

Sir. The ninth edition of The Times Atlas (report and leading article, October 14) will be welcomed by all who try to keep abreast of geopolitical nomenclature. I hope that continuing political upheavals will not make it obsolete too soon.

I can report, however, that even the first edition of the atlas (1895) still serves me well for historical reference purposes, with its detailed maps and 30,000-entry index. My own copy is often consulted for the 19th century names of places where certain zoological species were first discovered.

As editor of a specialist biological journal I need to confirm the coordinates and original spelling of old place names, especially those visited by colonialists whose biological collections raised our global awareness of faunal diversity long before current concerns for its conservation.

Biologists have to cope with the identification and names of millions of biological species, the majority of which have yet to be taxonomically described or formally named according to international codes of botanical

and zoological nomenclature.
With scientific progress it may be necessary to reinterpret the evidence jeopardised. Thanks to successive editions of The Times Atlas we have reliable records of all significant place-names for the last 96 years, showing where known species were first found. Let us hope

and identify any particular species in

order to distinguish it more clearly from some newly discovered similar species. Without a reliable atlas giving

the former names of places which

have been renamed, the stability of

biological nomenclature would be

that these species will survive many future editions. Yours faithfully, GRAHAM WHITE (Editor, Medical & Veterinary Entomology). 105 Breamwater Gardens,

From Mr Alan Grav

Ham. Richmond, Surrey.

Sir, Your report of October 14 on the world's shifting political map must make natives of South American states laugh sardonically. Mocked by many for their instability, they can point out that the map of their continent has hardly changed in 150 years.

Yours faithfully, ALAN GRAY. Swanmore South. Honiton Road, Staplehay, Taunton, Somerset.

#### German questions

From Dr H. W. Koch

Sir, Your report of October 20 on the Queen's visit to Germany contains some factual mis-statements.

To describe the present federal president's father as "a high-ranking official in the foreign ministry of the Third Reich who opposed Hitler" is likely to offend those who really opposed Hitler or their surviving families. Ernst v. Weizsäcker was secretary of state in the German foreign office from 1938 to 1943; from then until the end of the war, he was German envoy at the Vatican. Rightly or wrongly, he was convicted as a war criminal in 1949 and later

The Princess Royal, Queen Victoria's daughter, did not marry "Friedrich Wilhelm III of Prussia." This Prussian king (1797-1840) was the grandfather of Friedrich Wilhelm, Crown Prince of Prussia, who in 1888 crown Prince of Prussia, who in 1888 faxed to 071-782 5046.

began his short-lived reign as Kaiser Friedrich III, King of Prussia. Neville Chamberlain was not "on

his way to collect a piece of paper when he stayed at the Petersberg hotel at Bad Godesberg (September 23-4. 1938): after Chamberlain's visit to Berchtesgaden on September 15, Hitler, who wanted to save "the old man" the long journey, had suggested to meeting halfway at the next meeting.

During the Bad Godesberg meeting none of the participants could have thought of "Munich" (September 30). let alone "the piece of paper".

Yours sincerely. H. W. KOCH, University of York, Department of History, Heslington, York.

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#### Huskies a 'stupid' bar to polar treaty From Sir Vivian Fuchs, FRS

Sir. Your report, "Britain and Australia poles apart on huskies" (October 20), highlights one of the few. perhaps the only, stupid requirements of the impending international treaty

on conservation in the Antarctic The British Antarctic Survey has employed huskies for 50 years at various stations. I and ten others lived with 100 of them from 1948 to 1950. During those two years I saw one penguin killed when it approached a line of tethered dogs and stood pecking threateningly at the nose of

The dogs do not range free at any time. The suggestion which you report that they are a threat because they growl at baby seals and penguins is ridiculous. So is any suggestion by conservationists that a treaty could not be signed because two teams of huskies (20 animals) are allowed to live out their lives on a continent the

size of Europe and Australia together. The few seals taken for two dog teams during a year are negligible compared to Nature's predation - we once found 2,000 seals dead at one site distant from any human habitation. No evidence of seals infected by dogs has been found in 50 years and the last dogs imported by the British Antarctic Survey were three taken south in 1952. On the other hand, care has to be taken that the dogs do not themselves acquire worms etc.

from the seals eaten. I should add that I have not discussed these matters with anyone at the British Antarctic Survey and the opinions are mine, based on some years of dog handling.

Yours faithfully. VIVIAN FUCHS. 106 Barton Road, Cambridge. October 21.

#### Genocide in Bosnia

From Lord Hylton

Sir, Mr Cosic and Mr Panic, the president and prime minister of Serbia and Montenegro, are expressing admirable sentiments about the conclusion of a Bosnian peace treaty. While they do so, the vile business of "ethnic cleansing" continues and no one knows whether concentration

camps still function. Sarajevo is shelled by heavy artiliery, mortars and tanks, wounding scores of people in one recent day (report, October 19). The Serbian aim appears to be to cut off all water and electricity supplies and to destroy as many houses as possible, so that most of the 350,000 ethnically mixed inhabitants will die this winter.

The United Nations and Nato have decided not to intervene militarily. and only to provide humanitarian aid. This is regularly interrupted by attacks on convoys and aircraft. The Sarajevo airlift will also be limited by winter fogs. Other besieged towns only receive sporadic supplies.

In these circumstances, it is only just that the UN arms embargo should be lifted from Bosnia. This would make it possible for the Bosnian people and their democratically elected and internationally recognised government to defend themselves effectively against genocidal attacks. These attacks are inspired and sustained by forces from outside Bosnia.

Yours faithfully, HYLTON, House of Lords. October 19.

#### Caribbean poet

From the High Commissioner for Eastern Caribbean States

Sir, "Trinidad's quiet man hailed as great poet": the headline to Daniel Johnson's report of October 9 on the award of the Nobel Prize for literature to Derek Walcott reflects a misapprehension often encountered outside Caribbean and literary circles.

Derek Walcott, as Johnson acknowledges, was born in St Lucia. However, despite spending most of his professional career in Trinidad and Tobago and the USA, he has remained a citizen of the island of his birth and kept close links with it.

What is probably most pertinent in

this context though, is that the imagery and inspiration of so much of Walcott's work, as he himself acknowledges, owes much to the peculiar culture and society of St Lucia. It may be interesting to note that this Nobel Prize is the second awarded to a St Lucian. The first, for

economics, was awarded to the late

Professor Arthur Lewis in 1979. Yours faithfully, RICHARD GUNN, High Commissioner for Eastern Caribbean States,

#### Pas de deux

10 Kensington Court, W8.

From Major J. C. Beck

Sir, Friends of the Birmingham Royal Ballet have just received details of the castings for the next two seasons. For The Sleeping Beauty the castings for Aurora and the Prince include "Feb 24 at 2pm and 27: Kennedy, Nixon". I find the pairing unlikely.

Yours faithfully. CHRISTOPHER BECK, The Braid, Little Street. Sulgrave, Nr Banbury, Oxfordshire,



## **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** October 23: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Heathrow Airport. London this evening in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight from a State Visit to the Federal Republic of Germany, and were received by the Lord Chamberlain (the Earl of Airlie Kt) and the Finance Director, Heath-

row Airport (Mr John Stent). The following were in attendance: the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (the Rt Hon Douglas Hurd, MP), the Duchess of Grafton, Mrs John Dugdale, the t Hon Six Robert Fellowes, Major-General Sir Simon Cooper, Sir Kenneth Scott, Mr Charles Anson, Surgeon Captain Norman Blacklock, RN, Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson, Air Commodore the Hon Timothy Elworthy. Mr Brian McGrath and Mr Richard Goznev.

KENSINGTON PALACE October 23: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, the 2nd King Edward VII's Own Goorkhas (the Sirmoor Rifles) this morning re-ceived Lieutenant Colonel Chrisnother Lavender on relinquishing command of the 2nd Battalion, at Kensington Palace. This afternoon His Royal High-

ness visited Westonbirt and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Elwes). The Prince of Wales visited Westonbirt Arboretum and planted a tree in commemoration of the Fortieth Anniversary of Her Majesty's Accession. Mr Gerald Ward was attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE October 23: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon today visited North Yorkshire and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for North

Yorkshire (Sir Marcus Worsley).
Her Royal Highness, President,
the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, was present this afternoon at a Shopping Day held at the Orangery, Settrington House, by the Society's Norton and Villages

The Princess Margaret, Count-ess of Snowdon, Grand President, St John Ambulance Association and Brigade, this evening at tended a Gala Evening at Castle Howard in aid of the Order of St John, North Yorkshire and Humberside. The Hon Mrs Wills was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE October 23: The Duke of Kent. Grand Master of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George, today attended a Lun-cheon at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to mark the retirement of Sir John Moreton as Gendeman Usher of the Blue Rod. Commander Roger Walker, RN, was in attendance.

#### **Birthdays**

The Earl of Ulster celebrates his birthday today.

TODAY: Sir Geoffrey Bateman, otolaryngologist, 86; Mr Phil Bennett, rugby player, 44; Signor Luciano Berio, composer, 67; Miss Lesley Bidstrup, medical consultant, 76: Sir John Blelloch, civil servant, 62: Rear-Admiral J.H. Carlill, 67; Mr David Cope, master, Marlborough College, 48: Baroness Dacre, 63: Sir Robin Day, broadcaster, 69: Mr Frank Delaney, broadcaster, 50; Captain T.R. Dunne, Lord Lieutenant of Hereford and Worcester, 59: the Earl of Gainsborough, 69: Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, 54: Sir Ralph Halpern. former chairman and chief executive. Burton Group, 54; Mr Wally Herbert, explorer, 58: Miss Sena Jurinac, opera singer, 71: Sir Alan Neale, civil servant, 74: Sir Fred Pontin, founder, Pontin's, 86; Professor W. Lindford Rees, psychiatrist, 78; Sir Robert Sainsbury, joint president, J. Sainsbury, 86; the Marquess of Salisbury, 76; Mr Bill Wyman,

Rolling Stones' guitarist, 56. TOMORROW: Sir Robert Andrew, civil servant, 64: Liemenant-General Sir Henry Beverley, 57; Lord Brimelow, 77; Mr Martin Hodge, footballer, 30; Mr D.C. Mansel Lewis, Lord Lieutenant of Dyfed, 65; Sir John Mayhew Sanders, company chairman, 61: Mr Joe Mercer, jockey, 58; Sir George Russell, chairman, ITC, 57; Mr A.C. Smith, chief executive,

#### Royal engagements

TODAY: The Duke of York will George's Hall, Liverpool, at 7.10. TOMORROW: Prince Edward, as President of the National Youth Music Theatre, will attend a gala performance of The Ragged Child at the Palace Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, at 7.00 in aid of the NSPCC.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of Scottish Opera, will attend the 30th anniversary concert at the Theatre Royal, Glasgow,

#### Reception Architectural Heritage Fund

The Right Hon Peter Brooke, MP. Secretary of State for National Heritage, was the guest of honour at a reception on October 21, given at the Guildhall by the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Brian Jenkins, GBE, the Duke of Grafton, KG, Chairman, and the other members of the Council of Management of the Architectural

## Memorial service

Professor Kenneth Rawnsley A service of thanksgiving for the life of Professor Kenneth Raymeles was held yesterday at St Paul's, Knightsbridge. The Rev Chris-topher Courtauld officiated, as-sisted by the Rev Dr Martin Israel.

#### Service dinners

HMS President

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, attended the annual Trafalgar dinner of the London division of the Royal Naval Reserve held last night on board HMS President. Commander M.D. MacFarlan presided and Sir John Akehurst, Chairman of the Territorial and Volunteer Reserve Association, proposed the toast to the "immortal memory". Commander J. McK. Ludgate, Commanding Officer, RNR, recrived the guests.

The Royal Scots The Lord Provost of Edinburgh anended a regimental dinner of The Royal Scots (The Royal Regi-ment) held last night at the Roxburghe Hotel, Edinburgh.

Royal Irish Regiment The Ulster Defence Regiment held their last regimental dinner in Belfast last night. General Sir Charles Huxtable, Colonel of the newly formed Royal Irish Regi-

RAOC Army Ordnance Corps Officers' Club The annual dinner of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps Officers' Club was held last night at Headquarters Mess. Deepcut, Camberley. Major General P.W.E. Istead, CB, OBE, GM, the Representative Colonel Com-mandant, presided. The dinner was attended by the Director General of Ordnance Services, Major General D.F.E. Botting, CB, CBE, and some 240 members.



Stagestruck: Bethan Mair, right, and Mirain Hafill from Ysgol Glanaethwy in Bangor, Gwynedd, rehearse Branwen, a Welsh folk tale that they will be presenting at the Albert Hall on November 25 during the Schools Prom. The three-day event showcases the talents of 1,200 young performers

## Church services tomorrow

& Section, Canon J G M W Murphy.
TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, ECA: 8.30
HC, 11.15 HC, Rev Canon C Hill.
ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2:
9 HC, 11 M, 12.15 HC.
CHAPEL BOWAL Memorion Court Dalam.

CHAPEL ROYAL Hampton Court Palace 8.30 HC, 11 M, 3.30 E. ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch. Rev Canon P Delancy. ALL SAINTER Manual Palace

ALL SOULS, Langham Flace, Wi: 11 Rev J Cook: 6.30 Rev C Hobbs.

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Cheyne Walk, SW3: 8 (1662) & 12 HC; 10 Children's service; 11 M, Rev P Elw; 6 E, Rev O Clark

CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC: 11 S EUCH, Rev N VIGETS. GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audicy Street: 11 S Euch.

Street: 11 S Euch.

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton
Road, SW7: 9 HC, Rev S Miller: 11
Informal Service, Rev N Gumbel; 6.30
Informal Service (Rev S Millar).

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, 5W7: 8.30 & 12.05 HC; | 1 Choral MP, Rev Dr M Israel.

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HOLY TRINITY. Stoune Street. SWI: 8.45

HC 11 S Each, Rev R Vates.

ST ALBANS, Brooke St, ECT: 9.30 SM: 11

HM. Rev R Morris; 5.30 LM.

ST BARTHOLOMEN THE GREAT,
Smithfield, ECT: 9 HC: 11 M (City of London Vectorary Commemoration),
Weekles Storn Service. The Rector: 6.30 E.

Morkey Short Service. The Rector.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch. Rev R Marshall: 6.30 Choral E.

M & Euch. Rev R Marshall: 6.30 Choral E. Canon J Gales.
ST CUTREERT'S, Philibeach Gardens SWS: 10 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev J Vine.
ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Euch & 6.30 EP, Fr M Day.
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square. W1: 8.30 HC, 11 S Euch. The Rector.
ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC1: 8 & 12 HC; 11 MP; 6.30 EP.
ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8 HC; 10.30 MP, Rev P Williams; 6.30 Informal C.

C.
ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev D Reeves; 5.45 EP.
ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Rev G Buckle: 6 Choral E. Rev D Perkin.
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, Holland Rd. W14: 10 Latin Mas; 11 SM.
ST JOHN'S WOOD CRURCER, NW8: 8 HC; 93.0 Parish C; 11 S Euch, Rev A Walker.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC: 10.30 MP & HC, Rev S Watson; 6.30 E, Rev D Watson.

Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity CANTERBINY CATEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30
M: 11 S Euch, Collegium Regale
(Howelist, Prayer of King Henry VI (Ley),
Rew M. LOoper & Rev.) H R de Sausmarez,
3.15 E Responses (Rose Leighton),
Howells in B minor, Te lucis ante
terminum (Bailour Gardiner; 6.30 Es for
the United Nations Association, Rev P N S
Haynes.

Haynes.

YORK MINSTER: 8 & 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch.
Darke in E. Here O my Lord (Whitiock),
Rev Dr D English; 11.30 M, Responses
(Rose), Stanford in B fatz 2 Trafalgar Day
Service; 4 E. Responses (Sanders), The
Bowden Service (Johnson Manning),
Thou O God art praised in Sion (Boyle),
Very Rev J Southgale.

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ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, 10.30 M. Responses (Morley), Te Deum & Jubilian (Boyce in C, Ven G Cassidy: 11.30 HC, Darke in F. O my sterium ineffible (Lalitovette: 3.15 E, Stanford in C, How lovely is thy dwelling place (Brahms), The Dean.

iovely is thy dwelling place (Brahms). The Dean.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 10 M. Rev DY D Gray; 11 M (SI Margaret's Church). Sister Hillary Markey: 11.15 Abbey Buch, Rev P Ferpuson: 2 E. Rev D Scott.; 5.45 Organ Recital: 6.30 ES, Rev M Huyes.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Each, Collegium Regale (Howells). The Lord bless you and keep you (Runer). Tantum ergo (Durufle). Ven D Hayward; 3 E. Collegium Regale (Howells). The heaven are telling (Haydm), The Frovost. WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Masses 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30 & 7; 10.30 SM, The Frenches Mass (Shepherd). Condition the Domine (Lassus). Out me dignatus est (Michael Berteley). Introduction & Allegro from Sonate 1 (Guillmant); 10 MP; 2.30 Grgan Recital; 3.30 Soleron V & B. Magnificat Octavi moi Suriano), Parce Domine (Obrecht). Allegro-Vivace from Symphode I Viteney. Symphonie I (Vierne).
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwarkopm (Sar) LM, 8, 10 (Children), 6 LM:
11:30 HM, Pr D Dunne.
GREES ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OP
THE DIVINE WISDOM, MOSSOW Rd, W2:
9:30 M: 11 Divine Liturgy.
RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF
THE DORMITION OF THE NOTHER OF
GOD, Ennimore Gdus, SW: 10:30
Divine Liturgy (English/Siavoold,
SPERIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF

SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST SAVVA, LANCESTET Rd. WII: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.
THE CHAPEL ROYAL St. James's Palace.
8.30 RC, 11.15 MP. Rev A H H Harbottle.

8.30 HC, 11.15 MP. Rev A H H Harbottle.
ROTAL HOSPITAL Chelses. SW3: 11 M,
Rev T Hiney.
QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOT, WC2:
11 M, The Chaplain; 12.30 HC.
ROTAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL.
GREENWICH, SEIO: NO services.
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Bartecks.
SW1: 11 M, The Chaplain: 12 HC (said).
LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: 11.30 MP &
Sermon, Rev FV A Boyse.
TOWER OF LONDON. EC3: 9.15 HC: 11 M TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 9.15 HC: 11 M

Lee; 5 Choral E, 6.30 ES, The V ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SWI: 9, 9.45 & 7 LN; 11 HM, Fr B Scott, 6 Solemn E & 8. ST MARY'S, Primnors Hill. NW3: 8 HC 10.30 Parish Euch. Rev V Spencer: 6.30 HC with Laying on of Hands. ST MARYLEBONE. Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC 11 Choral Euch, The Rector; 6.30 EP.

ST MARY-LE-STRAND (WRNS Church). ST MATTREW'S, Great Peter St. SW1: 8 RC; 10 Solemn Euch, Rev B Bridgewood,

6.30 LM.

ST MECHAEL'S, Chester Square, SWI:
Church building closed for renovation.
Services being held at 11 am & 7pm at
Grey Cost Hospital School, SWI and 7pm
at St James the Less Church, SWI. ST PAUL'S, Onslow Square, SW1: 10.30 Pamily HC 6.30 Informal Service. ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8 & 9 HC, 11 Soleran Euch, Rev H Ruschmeyer. 11 Solemn Euch, Rev H Ruschmeyer. ST PETER'S. Eaton Square, SW1:8-15 HC: 10 Family Mass: 11 SM, Rev D B Tülyer. 11 SM St. 11 SM SW1:100 Cross SW3: 10 Pamily Mass: 11 SM, Rev D B Tülyer. ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8 & 7.30 HC; 11 MP, Rev G James: 6.30 E. Rev G James.

REV G JEMES.
ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8
& 9 LM; 11 SM, Pr C Colven: 6 Solemn E &
B, Pr N Cockins. B, Fr N Cocking. ST VEDAST, Roster Lane, EC2: 11 Sung Mass, Rev R Avent. ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, PORT SINES, SWI: 11 & 3 HC, Rev J H McIndoe; 6:30 Rev Eleanor McMabon. CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 Rev S Hood: 630 Mr C Swrn.

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Wood: 10.45.
CHURCH OF OUR MOST HOLY
REDBEMER Cheyne ROW, SW3: 10, 11.
12.15.6.30 Pr P Nokan.
FARM STREET, W: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15
Pr W Pearsall, 4.15, 6.15 LM: 11 HM. THE ORATORY, Brompton Boad, SW7: 7, 8.9, 10, 11 Mass, 12.30, 4.30, 7: 3.30 V &

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: | ] Mass. ST MARY'S, Cadogan Street, SW3: Masses 8.30, 10, 11, 12.15 & 6.30. AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd. W1: 9.45 Stroday School: 11 Worship, Rev J Schmidt. CTTYTEMPLE, Holborn, ECI: 10.30 Rev C

HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, WI: 11 Rev P Hoar, 6:30 Rev Doreen Here. ERNSINGTON TEMPLE, (Charlsmark), Notting Hill Gate, W11:9 Communion, W Lewis, 11 Celebration, W Lewis, 2.30 EENSINGTON URC, Allen Street, W8: 11 HC, Rev P Loveltt. REGENT SQUARE URC (Presbyterlan)/ Congregational), Taylstock Place, WC1: 11 & 6.30 Rev Dr R Scopes. 30 Rev Dr R Scopes. 30 Rev Dr R Scopes. CVATION ARMY (Regent Hall), Oxford VI: 11 Local Lay Leadership: 6.30 Lient ST JOHN'S WOOD URC, NWS: 11 MS, Mr tey. SLEYS CRAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 : 11 MS, Rev P Hulme.

ESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL ethodist, SWI: 11 & 6.30 Rev Dt R Mailet.
WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham
Gate.SW1: 11 & 6.30 Rev Dr R T Rendall.
WESTMINSTER MERTING SOCIETY OF
FRIENDS Qualers, 52 St Martios La
WC2: 11 Meeting for worship.

#### **Newspaper Press** Fund

Mr James Neil presided at the annual luncheon of the Newspaper Press Fund, Glasgow and West of Scotland district, held yesterday at the Marriott Hotel. Glasgow. Mr Derek Jameson was the principal speaker and the Right Rev Joseph Devine said

Mr Ted Graham, Chief of Press Mr Ted Graham, Chief of Press and Broadcasting, BT, presented the fund with a cheque for £5,000 and Mr Doug Scott of Alloa Brewery presented a cheque for £1,000. Among those present were lord McCluskey, Mr Ian Skelly (national vice-president), Mr Liam Kane (managing director, Caledonian Newspapers and a vice-president), editors of Scotland's national newspapers. Mr David national newspapers, Mr David Sanderson (Strathelyde Regional Convenor) and the Lady Convener, the Chief Constable of the Strathclyde Police and SKOL Cup final managers, Mr Walter Smith (Rangers) and Mr Willie Miller

(Aberdeen).

A meeting of the fund's London council was held at the hotel, the first to be held outside London. Mr Denis Froud was the chairman.

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## Forthcoming marriages

M. M. Levy and Miss S.S. Pearlgood

London.

Mr D.P. Lipscomb

and Miss B. Jovanović

Both families are delighted to

announce the engagement of Marc, son of M and Mme Andre

Levy, of Tours, France, to Stephanie, youngest daughter of

Dr and Mrs Morris Pearigood, of

The engagement is announced between Dominic, younger son of

Mr and Mrs John Lipscomb, of

Harrow-on-the-Hill, and Bo idarka, daughter of Mrs Dubravka Caldarovic Jovanovic

of Zagreb and the late Mr Bo idar

The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Mr and

the late Mrs D.E. Rhodes, o

Langton Green, Kent, and Lorrain, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs G.M.M. Mailer

Howat, of Wadhurst, East Sussex.

and Miss O.J. Pager
The marriage took place yesterday
in the Guards Chapel, Wellington
Barracis, of Mr Nigel Cox, son of
Mr and Mrs Basil Cox, to Miss
Olivia Paget, daughter of Sir
Julian and Lady Paget. The Rev
John Barrie officiated.
The bride who were circuit.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-

tended by Francesca Rowe and Jack Varvil. Mr David Mathew

A reception was beld at St James's Palace and the honey-

The marriage took place on Fri-day, October 16, at St George's Church, Jesmond, Newcastle upon

Tyne, between Professor Alan W. Craft and Miss E. Anne

moon will be spent abroad.

Professor A.W. Craft

and Miss E.A. Nicholse

Marriages

and Miss O.J. Paget

Mr N.J. Cox

was best man.

Nicholson.

Mr G.E.L. Gueritz

and Miss D. Linwood

Dr G.D.J. Rhodes and Miss LS-F. Mailer-House

Mr G.W. Albrdice and Miss S.C. Chamberlayue The engagement is announced between William, son of Ris Honour Judge and Mrs Allardice, of Stafford, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Chamberlayne, of Little Compton, C-loucestershire.

Mr J.R. Bagshawe and Miss C.J. Willshire

The engagement is announced between James, second son of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Bagshawe, of Meopham, Kent, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Raymond Wiltshire, Helmingham, Suffolk Mr E.R.V. Buckley and Miss J.K. Hancock

The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of Mr Nicholas Buckley and Mrs Caroline Buckley, of London, and Justine, elder daughter of Mr Ian Hancock, of Canberra, Australia, and Mrs Susan Hancock of Melbourne, Australia.

Mr G.A. Davies Ratcliff and Miss K.J.B. Thorpe

The engagement is announced between Grant, son of Mr A.W.S. Davies-Ranchiff, of Tunbridge Wells and Mrs Y. Lowes, of Woking, and Katie, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.B. Thorpe, of Ottery St Mary.

Mr B.M. Fechney and Miss M.L. Scholtz Brent Fechney, of New Zealand, currently residing in London, and Megan Scholtz, of South Africa, are pleased to announce their engagement to all family and engagement to all fi friends internationally.

Mr A.R. Graham and Miss C.J. Merrylees The engagement is announced between Alastair, only son of the late Mr D.B. Graham and of Mrs Graham, of Hall Grove, Bagshot

and Catriona, only daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs D.L. Merrylees, of Painswick, Gloucestershire. Mr P.N. Kidson and Miss J.N. Rowson The engagement is announced between Philip Norman, son of

Mr and Mrs Allan Kidson, of Durban, South Africa, and Joanna Nerys, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Ratteliff Rowson, of Letcombe Regis, Oxfordshire. The marriage will take place in South Africa in April. The marriage took place on Mon-day, October 19, of Mr Guy Elton Lawrence Gueritz, only son of Rear

Admiral and Mrs Edward Gueritz, of The Close, Salisbury, and Miss Deborah Linwood, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Littwood, of Woodcote, Enfield. The couple will be living in

#### Dinners.

Royal Society of St George The Lord Mayor of Westminster, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, was a guest speaker at the annual Trafalgar dinner of the Royal Society of St. George held last night at Grosvenor House. Mr George R.A. Andrews, acting chair-man, presided. Admiral Sir Anthony Morton proposed the toast to the immortal. memory" and Lieutenant-General Sir Henry Beverley. Commandant General Royal Marines, Sir Colin Cole and the Rev Basil Watson also

spoke. Forty Club Mr Brian Johnston, President

Henry Grierson Trophy to Ian Leigh, representing the captain of cricket at Bolton School

The Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP, Mr D.R.W. Silk, President of the MCC, Sir Denis Thatcher and Mr C.D. Hassell, Chief Executive of Yorkshire CCC, were the principal speakers. Coningsby Clab
The Officers and Committee

of the Coningsby Club dined on the night of October 21. 1992, at the Travellers' Club. The guest of honour was Mr Roger Evans, MP. Mr Gavyn Arthur presided.

Guild of Freemen of the City of London Sir Anthony Grant, MP, enof the Forty Club, presided at tertained the Guild of Freethe annual dinner held last men of the City of London at night at the London Hilton on dinner in the House of Com-Park Lane. He presented the mons last night.

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## All that I know of the Lord Jesus convinces me that nothing is impure in itself: Only, if anyone considers something impure, then for him it is im Psaim 75:8

## BIRTHS

ABRAHAMS - On Octobe AL-ASWADI - On October

20th al the Humana Hospital Wellington. to Fahd and Yakot, a son, Abdul Krime. CHANCE - On October 13th to Irene (née Noel-Baker) and Michael. a son. Alexander

Michael, a son. Alexander Jack Francis. COBB - On October 22nd. to Rachel and Andrew, a son. Timothy Edward, a brother for William and Alexander. GARRATT - On October 23rd. to Catherine (née Jenkins) and Nicholas, a son. Patrick. GEARING - On October 23rd. to Cather (née Berningham) and Mark. a daughter. Sophie Catherine, a sister for Peter.

IACKSON - On October 12th. to Bethan-Wyn (née Davies)

James. WILNE - On October 23rd. to

MILLE - OR OCTODET 227d. to Annabel trúée Horsfield) and Graham. a daughter. Georgina Gordon, a sister for Jamie and Hugh.

POWELL - OR October 22nd, lo Susanna née Murray Threipiand and James, a son. RAWLINSON - Anna Fleur was born on Friday. October 16th at the Princess Anne Wing, Bath - a daughter to Nigel and Fak. and a sister to Caire.

SHAPER - On October 23rd 1992, to Pippa and Hal. a daughter. Pla Helen.

UNDERHILL - On October 17th 1992; to Nina (née Grundeld) and Nicholas, a daughter. Ursula Rosemary Charlotte, a sister for Michael and Frances.

### WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard MYTHICALS GERYON a. The Greek Methuselah

 A comboy giant AUTOLYCUS

a. A light-fingered Argonau b. The first king of Athens DEUCALION Two-headed lion god b. A suitor of Penelope c. The Greek Noah

a. The last husband of Helen

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b. A legendary democrat c. A blind bard

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## MARRIAGES

COWELL-STILL - At Finnart-St Paul's Church. Greenock. on Sabrrday 17th October 1992 by the Rev. David Mill. Er's Stewart. only son of the late Mr & Mrs. William Cowell. London and Lyndsay Anne Steber. only daviding of Mr & Mrs Arthur Still

SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

MARSHRABETT - On October 24th 1967 at Ashford Middx. Francis Westwood 1 Middx. Francis Westwood Mary Janet (née Burch). no ilving in Cornwall.

GOLDEN **ANNIVERSARIES** 

DAVIDSON:KNOWLSON
Major George and Judy
congrabilations on grazing
together for 50 Golden
Years. Love George and Kare
'The Wealthy Southernerst'.

BETSON:McMULLEN Congratulations Norah and Arthur on 50 Golden Years. All our love Paul. Angela, Julie and Clare.

DEATHS

1992. Subdenny at notice in Surbition. Surrey, aged 67 Years, Judith, loved states of Peggy and auni of Jill and Brian. Funeral at Kingston Crematorium. 3 pm Friday October 30th. Memorial Service to be arranged.

ONWITT - On October 21s 1992. William Burkhardt, born Stettin June 19th 1910. Loved husband of Ellen for 47 years and then of Marlens. Adored by his children. Robert and Caroline and by ingrid. Abstair, Kay, Barry, Marion and Peter and by the next generation Jacob, Jesse. generation Jacob. Jessé. Alexandra. Matthew. Thomas and Anna. Funeral Goldets Green Cremaiorium, Hoop Lane NW11, at 12,15pm on October 28th 1992. In deepest sorrow,

CORBETT - On October 22nd, peacefully st home, Catherine Russell of West Park Avenue. Kew. Formert Venter Commander ATS. member of the South Australian Bar and of Lincolns han, Barrister-ni-Law. Adored wife of John. Funeral Service at Mortlake Crematorium Thursday October 29th at 10.20 am. No flowers or letters piesse, but domations if desired to the Royal Star & Gorter Home C/O T.H. Sanders (081) 948-1551.

DENNING - On October 22nd
1992. Joan Daria, sged 92,
wife of Tom (Lord Denning),
widow of the labe J.M.B.
Stuart C.I.E., mother of
Pauline, Hazel and John and
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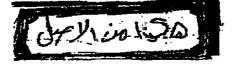
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## HARRY WILLIAMSON

Harry Williamson (Wulf Schmidt), wartime double agent, died on October 19 aged 81. He was born in Schleswig-Holstein in 1911.

HARRY Williamson, the assumed British name of the Abwehr agent Wulf Schmidt who was "turned" by MI5 shortly after landing on his first mission for the Germans, was reckoned to be one of the most successful double agents operated by the British security services throughout the second world war. So effective was he considered by the Germans, while operating for the British, that he was awarded the Iron Cross both first and second class, while simultaneously performing valuable services for his British employers.

Among the important Allied deceptions to which he made major contributions were confusions injected into "Torch", the landings in French North Africa: a bogus plan for a cross-Channel raid in 1943; the D-Day landings, during the planning for which he helped convince large sections of the German military hierarchy that the main thrust would take place in the Pas de Calais; and an ingenious fiction which persuaded the German navy that a new generation of "sea-bottom" minefields posed a threat to

their new Schnorkel U-boats. Wulf Dietrich Christian Schmidt was born in Aabenraa, which in 1911 was in that part of Schleswig-Holstein which had been annexed by the Prussians after

the Danish war of 1854, and was thus part of the German Empire. It was returned to Denmark in a plebiscite of 1919 and Wulf, having been born an imperial German, now took on Danish citizen-

He did his national service in the Danish army and then had various jobs overseas cattle ranching in Argentina and banana cultivation in the Cameroons. He was trying to get back home from the Cameroons when war broke out and after a long and interrupted voyage he arrived back in Aabenraa early in 1940. Casting about for work, he answered an advertisement for a job in Hamburg which required a knowledge of foreign languages, and after an interview there was recruited into the Abwehr.

After training he was told that he was to be dropped into England to reconnoitre in advance of a German invasion. He was one of a number of Scandinavians at that time in German pay, notable among the others being the Swede Goesta Caroli with whom he trained in

Hamburg. Dropped into England during the late summer of 1940. Caroli was quickly picked up by the British authorities and on being told that he would, if he cooperated, be treated as a prisoner of war and not executed as a spy, told his interro-gators all they wanted to know about the Abwehr's prospective operations in England. Thus, when Schmidt followed him on September 19, 1940, he was quickly detected after



being challenged by the Home Guard as he breakfasted in a cafe in the Cambridgeshire village of Willingham.

Two factors caused him to make the same decision that Caroli had before him. His journey to Scotland Yard showed him (quite designedly) that London, far from being on its knees, as his German employers had assured him, was, if a little battered, a city breathing dogged defiance against the enemy. Then, his captors, convinced of the futility of knocking enemy agents about if they wanted to make money (on one occasion he

use of their knowledge, treated him with great kindness, nevertheless punctuating this generally mild approach with gruelling interrogation sessions which sapped the will. It was not long before M15 had secured one of its most valuable double agents. Williamson's first step was to recover the radio he had buried on landing and send a message to Hamburg apprising the Abwehr of his safe arrival and

freedom to operate. Thereafter, after a few hiccups over his supply of Abwehr

was told by his German controllers to pick up his cash from a Japanese man reading The Times on the No 11 bus at Victoria and had to radio back, with some alacrity, that the No 11 bus did not go to Victoria) his double life went remarkably smoothly. After he had sent back exaggerated reports of the damage to Coventry and a number of other plausible fictions, the Abwehr decided to entrust him with much more important missions. After the Torch" deception there was a period when it was thought his

through an untimely series of German repairiations, among which were some former agents. But after he had contented himself with routine matters for a while MIS satisfied themselves that no damage had been done and his career blossomed. Operation "Starkey" was a mythical amphibious descent

cover might have been blown

on the north coast of France in 1943, designed to relieve pressure on the Russian front, while in the following year successive schemes were designed to suggest that the Allied invasion of the continent might come through Scandinavia or even the Bay of Biscay. Both of these deceptions had a good run before the most plausible idea — that the thrust would be across the Straits of Dover - was given heavy backing by allied intelli-gence. This last, through Williamson's radio messages and, on the day, through the RAF's provision of a "ghost" invasion armada consisting of foil

bombers to deceive enemy radar, really did have the Germans in two minds about exactly where on the French coast they could expect the Allied invasion force to storm ashore.

In the autumn, with the invasion force well entrenched and advancing in Normandy. Williamson begged his Abwehr employers to use the occasion of his 1.000th radio message to convey his humble greetings to the Führer and his best wishes for a speedy and victorious conclusion to the war. Not even this patent overkill in devotion could make his employers suspicious and his last message to them, on May 2, 1945, about minelaying in the Kola inlet, north Russia, was acknowleged by them only a few hours ahead of the British entry into Hamburg. In their message of acknowledgement the Abwehr kindly informed him that a suitcase he had left in Hamburg in 1939 was safe in the hands of his sister and that compromising documents it contained had been thoughtfully destroyed.

After the war Williamson was granted British citizenship and became a newspaper photographer in Watford. On one occasion he returned to Hamburg to pick up his Iron Cross, for which he had been specially naturalised by radio during the war, to make its award possible. He also visited his brother, a Luftwaffe veteran.

His marriage, in 1947, to an Englishwoman was dissolved, and he is survived by a

## MAJ FRED CLUTTON

Major Fred Clutton MBE, MM, RVM, a warmly remembered figure in the Household Division, died while fishing near Seaford on October 8 aged 71. He was born in Chester on

March 6, 1921. FEW Guardsmen of Fred Chutton's generation enjoyed such distinguished careers or were held in such affection. At dawn on April 29, 1945, as a young section commander in The King's Company, First Battalion Grenadier Guards, he and his platoon, trying to liberate Sandbostel concentration camp, came under heavy enemy fire. Twenty-nine of the 32 Grenadiers became casualties. Clutton held up the enemy at point blank range for 90 minutes while gradually carrying the wounded to safety. His power of com-mand, leadership and great gallantry won him the Military Medal. It proved to be his last major

battle of the war. He later attended reunions of the concentration camp victims whom he helped to save. Some wore their blue and white striped prison uniforms. The Berlin Victory Parade thereafter was the first of the many great occasions in which he was to play a notable part.

He subsequently served in many overseas postings, in-cluding Tripoli, Cyprus, British Guiana, Malta, Shariah and Germany. His proudest moments were being in charge of the bearer party at the funerals of King George VI and Queen Mary where his smartness and professionalism earned him widespread admiration\_

He will also be remembered by many Sandhurst cadets and at the Guards Depot where he served as the Regimental Sergeant Major. Discipline was notoriously severe at the depot, but Clutton stopped all bullying, returning instruc-tors to the banalions if they

overstepped the mark.

After his retirement he worked for the Diamond Corporation in which he rose to become a director. Clutton will be remembered for his sense of humour, approachability and modesty. It was always fun to be with him. The Queen's Company Dining Club, perhaps one of the most exclusive dubs in the world. for it admitted not even National Service officers, has traditionally never had guests apart from Fred Chritton who attended every year, such was the respect and affection in which he was held.

He leaves his widow, Olive and twin daughters.



## DR ARTHUR WINT

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Dr Arthur Wint, OJ, MBE, Olympic 400m champion in 1948, surgeon and diplomat, died in Kingston. Jamaica, on October 19 aged 71. He was born in Manchester. Jamaica, on May 25, 1920.

THE prospect of seeing Arthur Wint's nine-foot stride devouring the cinder track sent thousands of Londoners hurrying up Wood Lane to the White City dium in the immediate post-war years. Wint, a Jamaican, together with Emmanuel McDonald Bailey, of Trinidad, were the first box office stars of an athletics

Across the United Kingdom, "McBailey and The Gentle Giant", as the popular press dubbed them, were the great motivators in those grey years. Unwittingly, they also laid the roots from which the present host of athletes of Caribbean stock wearing the British vest

No offence was felt when Wint, who had made his home in Britain, chose to represent his own country, at that time a

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and a Scottish mother, had already made his mark athletically at the Central American and Caribbean Games of 1938 and 1946 in Panama and Barranquilla. main adversary in the 440m was another Jamaican, "Hustling" Herb McKenley, the world record holder. Three days earlier, Wint had already excelled by finishing second in the 800m to the elegant American, Mal Whitfield, in a personal best of 1 min 49.5 sec.

McKenley, aware of Wint's rather

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for the tiny Caribbean island when George Rhoden, a later world record holder, Les Laing, Wint and McKenley. lined up in that order for the 4x400m relay on the final day of the London

At the second takeover, the United States had built up a 14 metre lead on the Jamaicans but with Wint and McKenley, the two fastest men in the world to come, all seemed not over. Wint tore after his

target, Roy Cochran, the 400m hurdles champion, but in so doing developed severe cramp and hobbled to a halt leaving the track in tears. Four years later the same four Jamai-

cans took revenge at the Helsinki Games. This time their running order was Wint, Laing, McKenley and Rhoden. Their credentials were impressive. Wint had again run second to Whitfield in the 800m (1:49.4) against the American's 1:49.2, the same as he had run in London, and was placed fifth in the 400m won by Rhoden in 45.9 with McKenley on the same time. McKenley had earlier run Lindy Remigino so close in the 100m that only the camera could decide. Laing had finished fifth in the 200m.

Half an hour before the final, Wint broke his running shoes warming up. A Finnish journalist drove the Jamaican's American coach, Joe Yancy, at top speed to the Olympic village and brought Wint's other spikes back to the stadium just in time. Not surprisingly, on the opening leg, Wint (46.8) lost a metre to Ollie Matson and Laing (47.0) lost many more

to the Americans' second man, Gene

McKenley, stricken in preparation by mumps, ran like a man possessed and with 44.6 turned a 13 metre deficit into a metre lead. On the last lap, Rhoden, the world record holder with 45.8, held off Whitfield, both being timed at 45.5. Jamaica's winning 3min 03.96 smashed the world record of 3.08.2 which had stood for 20 years. Helsinki proved an intoxicating time for the whole of Jamaica in more senses than one.

His running career over. Wint turned to medicine, graduating MB, BS from St Bartholomew's Medical School in 1953 and becoming a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1963. After working at various medical posts in Jamaica, he came back to London as High Commissioner, a post he held from 1974 to 1978.

He was appointed MBE in 1954 and was made a Member of the Order of Jamaica in 1989. He is survived by his wife, Norma, and three daughters. Coleen. Valerie and Allison.

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William Hale Thompson, mayor of Chicago, saw Great Britain as the "hereditary foe and felt that certain historical text books in the Chicago Library belittled the heroes of the American Wars of Independence.

Majesty Queen Victoria." Among other British contributors of books or money were Tennyson, Cartyle, Beaconsfield, Gladstone, the Duke of Argyll, Lord Kimberley, Oxford and Cambridge Universities, the Royal Geographical Society, the British Museum, the Patent Office, and the Religious Tract Society. Every noted living author of the United Kingdom gave his autographed works. Even in Chicago such a discovery is

embarrassing. Yesterday representatives of all the

German societies in Chicago presented the Mayor with a resolution supporting his attack on "pro-British" propaganda, and vehemently denouncing unregenerate persons so lost to shame as to take his defiance of the British Crown "facetiously." The Mayor replied in the same vein with an attack on Dr. Ono L. Schmidt, President of the Chicago Historical Society, and a 61-year-old school-board trustee, who voted against the suspension and trial of Superintendent McAndrew, who was charged with the "upholding of British ideals and the destruction of American ideals." Mr. Thompson urged his visitors to make, Dr. Schmidt realize that "he is a disgrace to the German-American blood that flows in his veins."

Dr. David S. Muzzey, of the Columbia University Faculty, has begun a suit against Mr. John J. Gorman, a former representative in Congress of Illinois. for \$100,000 [£20,000] damages. Mr. Gorman is alleged to have characterized a school history by Dr. Muzzey as un-American and pro-British.

#### NEWS

#### Major concedes on Maastricht bill

After warnings from the backbench 1922 committee. John Major tried to avoid opposition from Euro-sceptic MPs within his party by conceding that the bill to ratify the Maastricht treaty would not be railroaded through Parliament before Christmas...

■ Lord Tebbit urged MPs not to be swayed by any threat from the prime minister to resign; replacement of Mr Major was not "too difficult" a matter ..

#### Blood bank chief jailed over HIV

The former head of the French transfusion service was jailed for four years for allowing HIV-contaminated blood to be given to haemophiliacs. Jean-Pierre Allain, now a Cambridge professor, got four years, two of them suspended.. Pages 1, 3

#### Policeman banned

An off-duty policeman who paralysed a schoolboy in a hit-andrun car crash after drinking was fined £3,800 and banned from driving for seven years ... Page 3

#### Back to the front

John Major left for Egypt and the 50th anniversary celebration of the battle of El Alamein, for the British and their new American allies a great turning point in the second world war. Page 7 Alistair Horne, page 14

#### Leading aricle, page 15 Safer London

Paul Condon, 45, the new commissioner of the Metropolitan police, pledged himself to make London a safer and a better place ... Page 5

#### 'Renege' claim

David Hart, a former adviser to Baroness Thatcher, said John Major and Michael Heseltine had reneged on undertakings given by senior ministers in 1985 to the Union of Democratic Mineworkers..... Page 8

#### Turks move in

Turkish launched a drive with 5,000 troops across the mountainous border of northern Iraq in an attempt to drive out guerrillas of the Kurdistan Workers 

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#### **UN guards grave**

United Nations troops have been deployed around a mass grave near Vukovar in eastern Croatia and local Serb authorities were warned not to tamper with the evidence.. .... Page 10

#### Civil civil war

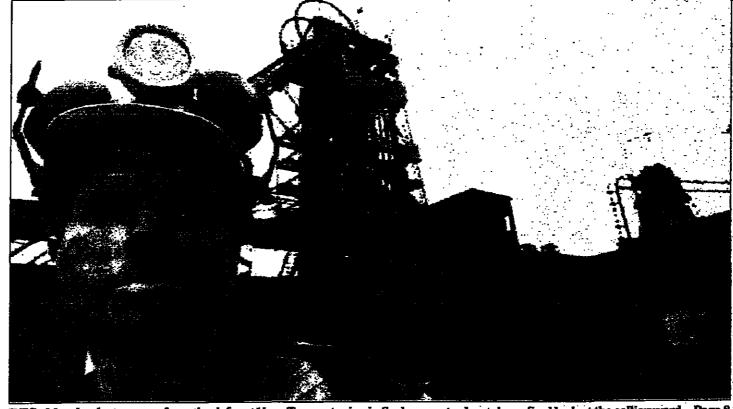
Canada votes on Monday to avoid a most civil civil war. as a country celebrated for restraint and courtesy aproaches its most damaging constitutional

#### **Hong Kong fears**

As Chris Patten left Peking after his first official visit, China took off the velvet gloves and raised the spectre of "turmoil" in Hong Kong if he continued efforts to expand democracy...... Page 13

#### How many beans make a seminar?

Maths was more of a penance than a pleasure for most, but David Singmaster, organiser of Britain's first conference on the history of recreational mathematics - puzzles and brainteasers — expects at least 130 enthusiasts at today's seminars in the South Bank University in London......Page 7



Wilfie Moralee, last man up from the defunct Vane Tempest mine in Seaham yesterday, takes a final look at the colliery yard Page 8

## SPORT

Wing and a prayer: Great Britain will look to Martin Offiah, the left wing, as potential match-winner in the rugby league World Cup final at Wembley. In five years as a professional he has scored 283 ..Page 34

Style change: Graeme Souness, the Liverpool manager, says only radical law change can protect British football from kick-and-Page 35

#### BUSINESS Banker's odds: Robin Leigh Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, retires in July next year. Odds on his successors have

been affected by the impact from the BCCI affair ...... ...... Page 19 Markets: The pound rose by 1.28pf to DM2.4702. Against the dollar it fell 0.97 cent to \$1.6145, leaving the trade weighted index up 0.1 at 80.5. The FT-SE 100 closed 11.6 up at 2669.7 .... .Page 22 |

#### Wondering....

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Far from bewitching: The "operamusical" Witch Which may have wowed them in Oslo, but its first night in London leaves Benedict Nightingale wondering "Why? . Weekend Why?".

Domingo turns baritone: On a new recording of Rossini's Barber of Seville Placido Domingo renounces his top notes to sing the baritone role of Figaro .... ...Weekend

Screenplay control: Hollywood's screenplay market promises big bucks and superstardom to a new generation taking the words - and creative control - out of the movie directors' hands. William Cash reports. . Saturday Review

Tale of two lives: John Weightman reviews the 1926-1939 letters of Jean-Paul Sartre, who seems to have been able to juggle women as he juggled concepts, to Simone Beauvoir and, just as importantly, to some others .... Saturday Review

#### JOHN DIAMOND

In his first News From the Front column, John Diamond discloses that he is not a New Man. He cannot cry in groups. He cannot set aside whole hours of the day to discuss interpersonal problems with his wife. But he can do the ironing... ... Saturday Review

#### **ANDY MARTIN**

Autumn has arrived, and a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of skiing. Skiing has become synonymous with sex, especially illicit or extra-marital sex. Off on a weekend skiing break? Then you have to lie about it... .... Weekend, page 1

#### alan Coren

"I have been given a Ralph Lauren shirt. It is a great shirt. It fits a treat." But what causes Alan Coren to think of pulling a sweater over his stylish £90 shirt if the doorbell rings? ..... ... Weekend, page 8

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London's health 'From the doctors' point of view the most important facilities Tomlinson wants to move out are not hospital beds, but a limited number of university teaching posts, research centres and senior consultancies. At present these can conveniently be combined with lucrative private practices in Harley Street. Physicians, heal thyselves Page 15

#### Desert memories

The old soldiers and the statesmen gather in Egypt's western desent to commemorate a battle that has become the most evocative placename in modern warfare. The Desert Rats of Montgomery's 8th Army and the veterans of Rom-. mel's Afrika Korps have been sentimentalised by film and print into heroic puppets of the big lie that there is something romantic about war. But nobody should romanticise it as anyone's finest hour \_\_\_\_ Page 15

#### The complete guide to the this weekend's television, plus Lynne Truss on the week that was

Weekend, pages 18,19

#### Perfect baby

New methods of genetic screening before conception and ultrasound scanning during pregnancy can give early warning of disease or abnormality but, Alleen Ballantyne writes, such advances also create difficult moral dilemmas

#### Eric idol

Leeds United footballer Eric Cantona is bringing a touch of French polish to northern grit

#### Cool cats

The problem with a new feline IQ test. Lynne Truss writes, is that it tests the owners' honesty rather than their pets' grey matter

#### Valerie Grove interview

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Bush has done to conservatism what no liberal opponent could have done: he has destroyed it from within \_ The New Republic

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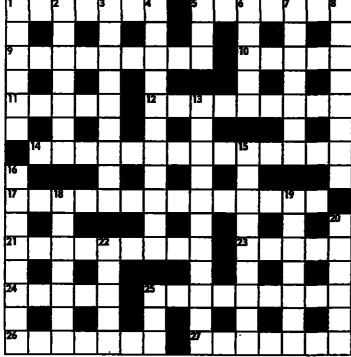
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Sir Bernard Tomlinson

#### THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,058



**ACROSS** 

I Share expenses in journey from part of Europe (2,5).

5 Confirms what angry people have got (5,2).

9 Stepped out of transport and arrested ringleader inside (9). 10 Warning light beam redirected to right (5).

11 How different sides feature in print (5).

12 Search for oil successful, being superbly equipped (4-5).

14 Procedural rules for the suspension of sittings? (8,6).

17 How men may be moved, in generai (6-3-5).

21 Au fait, initially, with small island bird (9).

23 Bones almost set without wires, I found (5).

24 Harlequin, for example, back in

European city (5).

25 Performance by choir containing

even number (9). 26 Manage to see what someone is saying? (7).
27 Swallowing small Scotch, an

automatic way to remove biner-DOWN I Fail to get contract for warehouse

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2 American port that's almost

4 Manuscript Darwin changed is in tenth revision (11).

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6 Shorten bird's rail? Rubbish! (5).

7 Girl brings in book with calculation to absorb in class (7).

8 He takes off from Port Said as

13 People rowing may finish up at

15 Ordering a change in part of US border (3,6).

16 A shift among its constituents could be alarming (8).

18 Pickled fish, namely char, with

20 This language may be said to be somebody's responsibility (6).

22 Make steady progress in fashion

25 Whence you'll get pea, say, to serve up (3).

Concise Crossword, page 20, Weekend Times Section

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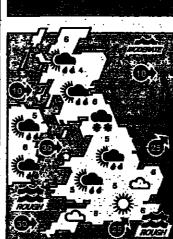
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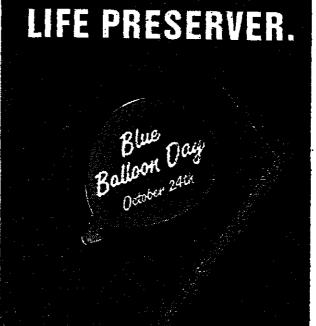
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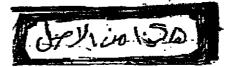
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## Dan-Air deal leaves shares with no value

By Martin Waller and Philip Pangalos

SHAREHOLDERS in Davies & Newman, the Dan-Air holding company, have been left with nothing after the sale of most of the company assets to British Airways, despite several cash injections into the ailing

The shares remain suspended on the stock market and are effectively worthless. The deal marks a rare reverse for David James, the highly-rated com-pany doctor who was brought in almost two years ago to effect a rescue.

Shareholders are not being given the chance to vote on the proposals, which rob them of any value whatever, because, Mr James says, there was a need to move quickly, and the deal represented the only alternative to receivership. He said

PROPOSED new insider

dealing laws have come under

fire from senior City figures

who have accused the govern-

ty to take effective action

The Home Office yesterday

sublished the criminal justice

bill, which expands the defini-

tion of insider dealing crimes

and broadens the range of

financial markets covered by the law. The bill implements

the European Community's insider dealing directive.

an offence to trade in the gilts

market on confidential gov-

ernment information. The law

also covers the futures and

options markets. In the past,

insider dealing laws have only

related to trading in the shares

For the first time, it will be

against financial crime.

The City put £54m into Davies & Newman, but shareholders now have nothing

that by the time a poll could be arranged the company would have exceeded all borrowing limits and be insolvent. Spe-cial consent had therefore been granted by the Stock Exchange to waive a vote. One City source said: "It's

probably good news for the bankers, but there's no prospect that the shares have any

A senior institutional fund manager whose company had

tial information. Previously.

insiders had to be connected

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burden of proof on defendants

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day attacked the government's

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er dealing a civil as well as a

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One senior figure called on

But City regulators yester-

**Insider dealing** 

laws under fire

recovery hopes and that did not happen. Frankly, there is not a lot I can tell you about this, but it has been a disaster. The bad news is there is virtually nothing left for shareholders." Mr James said the BA deal

vies & Newman also insisted

on anonymity but said: "We are not very happy, but what can we do? These things unfortunately happen.
"We took the shares on

would leave the company a shell, with no significant assets or liabilities. The last financial rescue in autumn 1991, when the City put in an additional carried out on the basis of a modest economic upturn expected in 1992 which had not taken place. In the six months to end-June Davies & Newman lost £24 million at the

operating level.

Without fresh capital, the normal seasonal cash drain would have sent debts higher by April next year. Mr James and the board had concluded that no fund-raising had been possible to let the company

continue independently.

"Receivership would result not only in the loss of the shareholders' investment in the company but also in the loss of employment for all the up's staff and payment of only a small proportion of the sums due to the group's credi-

tors," the company concluded. The board is also firmly of the view that there is no time. available to seek any other solution."

BA has said it will not pay any more than a nominal sum for Dan-Air because of the likely cost of rationalisation already in hand. "This is why there will not be any benefit resulting for shareholders," Davies & Newman said.

When the government cir-A pension fund surplus of culated the draft bill last summer, City firms became an unspecified size is being transferred across to BA along worried that their analysts would be guilty of insider dealing if they used unpub-lished trading information in their research. The Treasury is with the rest of the assets and will mainly be used to pay for early retirement for staff aged 50 and above.

#### of specific companies. Trading in unregulated markets, such as foreign exchange and Europublishing guidance that will bonds, is still exempt. An insider will now be give precise definitions of in-sider information. BA takeover, page 1 anyone who holds confiden-Frantic maydays, page 7

Hanson fails to rule out RHM sales By MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

HANSON is not ruling out the sale of businesses or brands from the Ranks Hovis McDougall stable if its £780 million offer for the food conglomerate is successful, Derek Bonham, the Hanson tain values," the document chief executive, made clear on the publication of the formal

offer document. The document says RHM shares have underperformed the stock market by 70 per cent over the past four years and attacks the declared defence strategy of breaking the

business up into three separate trading entities. "From a company of great potential and recognition, the split would create three companies of much less significance, with an uncertain future and uncer-

RHM has suggested that Hanson's approach is to buy the company at less than its fair value and sell off large chunks to make a profit. Mr Bonham said that there were no plans for any disposals at

this stage. But he refused to rule out disposals if Hanson took control and examined the portfolio of brands held by RHM.

Late on Thursday, Hanson was required to distance itself from a reported statement that there were no plans to increase the offer, and that option is kept open by the offer document. The market believes a higher offer is imminent, and the RHM share price rose 2p to 249p yesterday. 29p ahead of the offer price.



Doctor at sea: the success record of David James, brought in to rescue Dan-Air, has suffered a rare reversal

## Firms give vote of no confidence

By MARTIN BARROW

GOVERNMENT economic policy received a damaging vote of no confidence from the business community when a survey of 1,000 firms, taken before the pit closure crisis, found nearly 70 per cent unimoressed by ministers' handling of the economy.

David Turnbull, managing secretary of the UK 200 group, which conducted the quarterly survey, said:"The vast majority of business people have no confidence in the government's ability to run the economy." The group comprises 200 chartered accountancy firms which canvassed business clients in the

manufacturing, engineering, retailing and farming sectors. Business confidence has hit an all-time low since the survey began 15 months ago with 56 per cent of respondents saying their trading position was getting worse. Just 13 per cent expect an improvement by the end of the year, 47 per cent anticipate a

recovery in 1993. There is some comfort on the employment front with almost three out of four businesses no longer planning job cuts. Lower interest rates head-ed the list of business priorities for recovery. The survey also found 76 per cent of respondents favoured the return to a floating exchange rate.

Mr Turnbull said: "A cut in base rates is what business wants most of all. Another cut would add significantly to confidence. There are also signs of well-managed manufacturing companies riding the storms, especially where solid achievement is evident in export markets."

## Halifax urges housing action

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

RECOVERY in the housing market will be slow and muted without government intervention, Halifax Building Society. the largest mortgage lender, says in a review of the market over the past 20 years.

The report is published in Viewpoint, the society's occasional bulletin. David Gilchrist, general manager, and Gary Marsh, head of research, write: "The falls in nominal interest rates and rising incomes have ensured that houses are now affordable. But the combination of high real interest rates and depressed expectations about house prices continues to hold

The report, written before last Friday's base rate cut, says base rates of 6 or 7 per cent are

back demand."

probably necessary for recovery "and these remain unlikely in the short term". The authors believe that,

given the damage to confidence in owner-occupied housing caused by the recession, more direct government measures might be necessary to stimulate recovery. "We do not wish to see a

repeat of the 1980s house price boom," they write. "Spiralling house price inflation is of no help." The society suggests that increasing mortgage interest tax relief for first-time buyers, then phasing out the extra relief over several years, would help. It also suggests that phasing out the existing relief could pay for bettertargeted subsidies. The Halifax says numbers of

repossessions, being managed currently, could rise sharply.General economic recovery is unlikely, it feels. without a recovery of confidence and turnover in the housing market "Considered action now could avoid the need for crisis measures ... in 1993 or 1994."

The society says the housing market is probably at the bottom of the current downturn. While properties are more affordable, buyers are being frightened off by falling

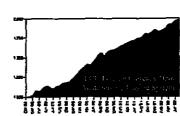
Last month, the Halifax house price index fell by 3.1 per cent - the worst monthly figure. The total for the year is likely to be 7.5 per cent.

Negative equity, page 25

## The Benefit of Currency Market Fluctuations.

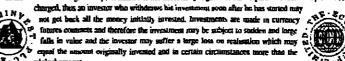
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## Odds on a sleuth for the next Governor

By NEIL BENNETT BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE scathing criticisms of the Bank of England in Lord Justice Bingham's report on the Bank of Credit and Commerce International have rewritten the odds among the leading contenders in the race to become the next-Governor of the Bank of England. The breakdown in commu

nication in the Bank and its allure to act on warning signals about the BCCI fraud have all but destroyed the chances of Eddie George, the deputy governor.
The Bank's decision to ap-

point Ian Watt, a senior accountant from KPMG Peat Marwick, as head of a new special investigations unit, and the arrival of Peter Peddie, a partner from Freshfields, to run the legal unit, shows that a new broom is sweeping through. While Norman Lamont, the Chan-



cellor, stood by Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor, and his staff in the Commons yesterday, the coming year could see considerable changes in the top echelons of the Bank and its court of directors. The City feels the

likeliest new broom is now Sir David Walker, ex-chairman of the Securities and Investments Board and now deputy chairman of Lloyds Bank During his four years at the SIB, he transformed the org-anisation into an effective

methods well. He started his career at the Treasury, which gave him an insight into government. His spell at Lloyds has given him firsthand experience of a clearing hank. His main rival remains Sir David Scholey, the chairman

regulator. Sir David was an executive director at the Bank

until 1988, so he knows its

of SG Warburg. Bank of England governors have traditionally come from merchant banks. Mr Leigh-Pemberton, ex-chairman of National Westminster, was the first to come from a clearer, Sir David Scholey has built Warburgs into one of the most powerful financial institutions in the world.

The decision will be made by John Major after consultation with Treasury mandarins, and is expected to be announced during the Christmas recess. The new governor takes up the post next July 1.

## ICI sails into spell of stormy weather

THE City has just given Britain's industrial barometer a gentle tap and has watched in horror as the needle dropped back to somewhere between strong winds

and gales. Britain's industrial barometer is, of course, ICI, the chemicals group, which is expected to report a sharp fall in trade for the third quarter of the year on October 29.

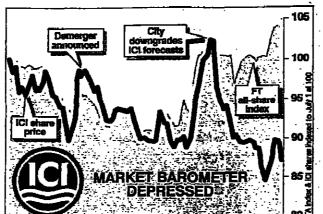
As the chart shows, ICI has behaved as the perfect market barometer recently until analysts began to downgrade forecasts. Since then, ICI has underperformed badly. Profits for the third quarter are expected to halve to just over £100 million, leaving profits for the first nine months of the year down 25 per cent to

£525 million. The faint signs of upturn seen in May and June seem to have disappeared, leaving July and August depressed and September no better. But the City is already looking ahead to what the depression in the chemicals industry means for ICI's plans to demerge its biological busi-

Full-year profits before tax in 1992 are expected to be just above £600 million, against £843 million in 1991. But it is the forecast for 1993 that commands most interest. At £775 million or £800 million it sounds reasonable.

But the City is also looking at forecasts for the proposed ICI Bio and the rump of ICI. Smith New Court, the stockbroker, says this splits into £500 million for ICI Bio and £275 million or so for ICI. It is thought ICI will have to split the existing dividend more or less in half between the two new companie

However, SNC reckons the earnings from ICI chemicals will come out at just 17p a share because of a rising tax charge. It is thought that ICI chemicals will have to write off some unrelieved ACT against its profit-and-loss account unless it is able to create a deferred tax provision of some sort. If the 55p dividend for the whole of ICI is split equally it should be 27.5p for ICI chemicals, leav-



September October

immediate financial advan-

tage for shareholders. ICI said it was an industrially

driven manoeuvre. It would

be a pity if the demerger did

not proceed because a sepa-

rate listing would open take-over opportunities for the

If the company stays as one

for the whole of 1993, the City

expects earnings of 63.5p.

based on a tax charge of 40

per cent pushed up by unre-lieved ACT of an estimated

pharmaceuticals business.

ing an uncovered dividend. Failing the creation of a deferred tax provision to write off its unrelieved ACT, ICI may be in no position to proceed with its demerger next February, concludes SNC. Just as well ICI said its demerger was subject to market conditions when revealing

August

it earlier this year.
But as The Times pointed out shortly after the demerger, even ICI's own brolittle or

Dorling **Kindersley** 

ers a maintained dividend of

55p. Heavy weather indeed.

**DORLING Kindersley Hold**ings, going public via a plac-ing and offer of 19.15 million new shares, found that the more City institutions it spoke to, the more the group was liked. DK, the publisher of illus-

trated reference books founded in 1974, has taken full advantage of this and pitched the issue price at the top of the range at 165p a share. This puts the shares on a fully diluted historic price earnings ratio of 18.1 times. DK has a dividend record behind it and the notional yield, had 3p a share net been paid last year, is 2.4 per cent.

DK has also recognised the

investment appetite for its shares by increasing from 25 per cent to 36.6 per cent the slice of new shares available to the public (by applying to the intermediaries Publishing specialised nonwell, and pre-tax profits have surged from £295,000, in the year to end-June 1988, to £7.5 million in 1992. Turnover in the same period jumped from £10.8 million to £70.9 million. with more to come.

DK sells in more than 80 countries and 37 languages. Britain, where the 1991 book market was worth £1.6 billion, and America, with a market of \$16 billion, account for 62 per cent of sales.

Microsoft, the computer software company, will remain a significant minority shareholder after its 26 per cent interest is diluted to 19.6 per cent. There are also close trading links with Reader's Digest. Kindersley family in-terests will hold 44.9 per cent on flotation. The offer will raise £23.4 million net, to be used to repay UK bank bor-rowings and to fund expansion. Pre-tax profits of £10.5 million seem likely this financial year, to put the shares on 15.4 times prospective earnings. That is not cheap, but still a premium is likely on listing this Friday.

Usborne

bounces

back into

the black

BY OUR CITY STAFF

USBORNE, with activities

ranging from pig farming to motor products, is back in the

black after last year's decision

The company made pre-tax profits of £833,000 (£3.75

million loss) in the six months

to June 30 on turnover 11.6 per cent ahead at £101 million. The comparative figures

were depressed by £4.5 million

of exceptional charges relating

to losses on a development

joint venture and on discontin-

ued businesses. Usborne has now sold all its residential

properties, although commer-cial letting in London remains

Profits from grain mer-chanting rose 30.2 per cent to £755,000, on turnover up 10

per cent to £86.6 million while

pig producton profits jumped to £430,000 (£191,000), on

Noel Stephens, finance di-

rector, is cautiously optimistic.

although he admits that trad-

ing conditions are still tough.

"Agriculture has its own reces-

sion apart from what is hap-

pening elsewhere, but we are

confident we can continue to

Earnings stood at 0.92p a

share, against a deficit of 4.9p

last time. The interim divi-

dend is raised to 0.2p (0.1p).

The shares rose 3p to 18p.

"extremely difficult".

£12.7 million

make money."

to quit property.

## Jarvis passes payout after half-time loss

THE deep recession that is gripping the construction industry took its toll on Jarvis, as the construction and property group passed its interim dividend after sliding into the red at the halfway stage.

Jarvis suffered a pre-tax loss of £1.72 million in the six months to end-June, compared with a profit of £71,000 last time, as turnover declined from £61 million to £48 million. Harvey Bard, the chairman, said: "The sectors in which the group operates are experiencing considerably worse trading conditions than my pessimistic predictions of earlier this

There is a loss of 9.5p a share, compared with earnings of 0.3p a share last time. There is no dividend, against an interim payout of 0.25p last time. Jarvis shares eased 1p to

## Abbey to cut savers' rate

ABBEY National is to cut its savings rates from October 27, it announced yesterday. The reductions of up to 1.05 per cent will take place more than a month before Abbey National cuts its mortgage rate on December 1. It had already cut the savers' rates an average of 0.9 per cent at the beginning of this month. The rate on tax exempt special savings accounts will fall from 9.2 per cent to 8.15 per cent. The current account is down from 1.13 per cept net to 0.75 per cent net and the instant saver will pay 5.18 per cent net on £25,000, down 0.6 per cent.

#### Greenbank settles claim

WALKER Greenbank, the walkoverings group, has settled a claim for \$4.6 million against Arthur Young, its former auditor, and Alan and William Carr, the owners of Alkar, a shop fitting company acquired in 1987. As part of the cash settlement of £3.7 million, 1.6 million shares in Walker Greenbank issued to the Carrs in 1988 will be placed in the market with the proceeds remitted to Walker Greenbank. The 1900,000 balance represents the surrender by the Caris of their loans to Walker Greenbank

## Brewery deal near

A DEAL involving the transfer of management control of The Wiltshire Brewery Company to an unnamed overseas brewer in return for an injection of new capital is expected to be completed next week. Details of progress on the talks was released with delayed results for the 14 months to November 30 last year showing a pre-tax loss of £1.4 million, compared with losses of £578,380 for the previous 12 months. Losses per share rose to 15.93p from 12.23p and there is again no

## Torday jobs in jeopardy

MORE than 300 jobs hang in the balance after Torday and Carlisle announced it was to streamline activities at loss making Oldham Signs, which maintains the neon signs in London's Picadilly. Oldham has been withdrawn from sale after failing to agree a deal despite interest from several bidders. Torday bought Oldham for £9 million in 1988. The business lost £970,000 in the first half of this year. Offers received for Anglia Signs and Oldham Lighting, which are subsidiaries of Oldham Signs, will still be discussed.

## Alvis to cut workforce

UP TO 230 jobs are to go at Alvis Industries in Coventry after business, which manufactures armoured vehicles and personnel carriers. In the late 1980s, Alvis regularly received about £20 million worth of orders each year from the government for spares for a whole range of military vehicles. Last year, that fell to only £2 million. The redundancy shakeup and consequent reorganisation is expected to be completed early next year and will cost up to £5 million.

## Scapa in purchase talks

SCAPA Group; the manufacturer of specialist products for the printing and paper industry, is in discussions with the receivers of F. Oberdorfer, a leading German manufacturer of forming fabrics for the paper industry. Scapa said the talks with Oberdorfer's joint administrative receivers may lead to the acquisition of the business and assets of its German. Austrian and American operations. Scapa said a further announcement would be made as soon as possible after negotiations were concluded.

NOTICE TO INVESTORS

## **Trippier** takes post at Tepnel

SIR David Trippier, the former environment minister, has been appointed deputy chairman of Tepnel Diagnostics, a biotechnology company floated on the stock market

Sir David, who lost his seat in April's general election, succeds Harold Morley, who relinquishes the dual role to concentrate on his duties as chief executive.

Alec Craig, a partner with Halliwell Landau, the Manchester solicitors, has been appointed a non-executive director of Tepnel. Sir David was appointed consultant to Halliwell Landau three

Since losing his seat, Sir David has accepted three nonexecutive directorships.

#### THE SUNDAY TIMES Still sliding

Unemployment rises . . . borrowing rises . . . the trade gap widens . . . It will take well into next year before the downward momentum in output is reversed. For next year as a whole a rise in

The London Business School economic forecast - exclusively in The Sunday Times tomorrow

GDP of under 1% is now in prospect . . . 9

## Crown shares suspended during loan discussions

CROWN Communications Group, the commercial radio concern that owns London Broadcasting Company, yesterday asked for a temporary suspension of its shares. Talks to resolve its strained financial position became substantive.

The group, chaired by Christopher Chataway, said it was holding talks with its bankers and other parties regarding a refinancing, but indicated that these may take a few days. Crown shares last traded at 6p. In September 1991, the

group raised £4.5 million via a three-for-eight rights isue at 45p a share as part of a threepronged strategy to put its finances on a firmer footing.

Other action to redress a

heavily overborrowed position included the sale of non-core radio interests and attempts to sell RFM, the loss-making French radio network. Earlier reached a conditional agreement to sell RFM to a consortium led by NRJ, a rival radio, but the deal was opposed by the French authorities. Crown has subsequently put together another consortium. Finalisation of this part of Crown's reorganisation plan is expect-

In the six months to end-March, Crown reported that pre-tax losses had deepened to £5.58 million (£4.68 million). In the year ended September



Money talks: Christopher Chataway, chairman of Crown, is to meet bankers

30, 1991, the group's pre-tax losses totalled £6.79 million. Borrowings were last disclosed at £15 million, equivalent to gearing of almost 200 per cent. The group employs 423 people, of whom 40 are in

The price realised for the

earlier sale of non-core radio

business was not disclosed, nor has Crown indicated the price it expects for RFM. Earlier this month, a French

commercial court appointed a "provisional director" to supervise the setting up of a new board of RFM. Crown had not known about the court hearing, and Mr Chataway

remarked at the time that the incident was "a storm in a teacup at a minor subsidiary". The latest round of financial talks involves potential new

outside investors, and because such talks have reached a "specific" stage, suspension of the shares was requested at 9.43 am yesterday.

## Asean agrees free trade area

FROM ABBY TAN IN MANILA

THE economic ministers of the Association of South East Asian Nations (Asean) yesterday agreed to implement a free trade area on January 1 and to accelerate tariff cutting of key product sectors from 15 years to 10 years.

The ministers agreed at the end of a two-day meeting to a ten-year time frame for the reduction of tariffs of over 20 per cent, and to seven years for products with a tariff of less than 20 per cent. The Asean Free Trade Area (Afta) will achieve the ultimate level of less than 5 per cent tariff on all products by the year 2008. when the scheme is fully operational Implementation begins on January 1.

Asean has identified 15 product sectors comprising 4,000 items for tariff cutting. These include chemicals, pharmaceuticals, plastics, ceramics and vegetable oils.

The ministers expressed concern over the breakdown of the Uruguay round discussions in Brussels between the European Community and the United States. Rafidah Aziz, the Malaysian minister for international trade, said the failure of the talks, held under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade\_made it imperative that small trading nations find

their own solutions.

were completed.

THE Bank of England took advantage of this week's demand for government securities to embark on another fundraising exercise. It is issuing £1 billion of

new stock Treasury 74 per cent 1998. The new stock will be used to replace Treasury

back in. The redemption date is January 28, the same date as the first call on the new stock.

Another firm performance by the pound and speculation about a cut in interest rates saw prices marked higher.

Most attention was focused on the longer end where gains of £1 were common. Dealers say the short end is already discounting interest rates of 7 per cent. On the futures market, the long gilt rose £1 to £10012/32 as 38,000 contracts

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## **BUSINESS PROFILE: Bill Cockburn**

# Unknown insider who always aims to deliver

Carol Leonard discovers the new chief executive of the Post Office would

enjoy steering it into the private sector

The Post Office, that huge, monolithic organisation, with an annual turnover of £5.5 billion and 220.000 employees, has a new boss. Two days ago, Bill Cockburn took over from Sir Bryan Nicholson as its chief executive.

Nicholson, who came to the Post Office in 1979 after a career that had spanned the chairmanship of both Rank Xerox (UK) and the Manpower Services Commission, was an instantly recognisable name. Bill Cockburn is not. Cockburn has come up through

the Post Office ranks. At an age when Nicholson was still debating politics as an undergraduate at Oriel College, Oxford, Cockburn was tentatively setting out on what was to prove to be a 31-year career thus far — with one organisation. "I could have gone to university," says Cockburn. "I mean, I had the necessary qualifications. But realishas not been brought about withtically and ecoout difficulty.

nomically I needed to work. My parents had supported me all the way through school and I was the eldest of eight." University or not, Cockburn, 49, has, nevertheless, become the first internal candidate to land the top Post Of-

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fice job. What is more, he is taking over during the most critical period in its history since it and British Telecom were separated from the

GPO 11 years ago.
The government's Post Office review, due to be published before Christmas, will determine whether it is to become the next subject for privatisation. Cockburn gives it a 50-50 chance. If it gets the go-ahead, it will, he reckons, inject £1.5 to £2 billion into the public purse. "[Michael] Heseltine [the trade secretary) has said he has an open mind. There are other options. Even Margaret Thatcher, that great supporter of privatisation, once said that the Royal Mail would not be privatised because it was different. We have the status of a public service organisation. We are owned by the taxpayer."

While accepting, therefore, that privatisation is not a foregone

conclusion, Cockburn admits that he would enjoy steering the organ-isation into the private sector. After all, most of the difficult preparatory work has been done. The Post Office has been consistently profitable for 16 years, does not receive a penny in government subsidy and Cockburn claims, "has a return on capital employed that most private sector companies would give their eye teeth for". It made profits of £260 million in the year to end-March 1992, and, despite its status, Cockburn denies that itmakes too much money.

"The post today is the same price, in real terms, that it was in 1976. The service is the best in Europe and that is measured independently." He says that 91.5 per cent of first class mail is now delivered the cent in 1988. He is quick to add, however, that this state of affairs

We have had our period of pain. The lowest He is extremely stubborn. He can be very charming, Industrial relabut he always tions were very poor, the management was not manages to get very smart and his own way government interference with

our pricing policy ruined the market. You can build up a reputation over a long period of time, you can lose it again very quickly, and it can then take a whole decade to regain it.

This is a massive omnipresent organisation with its own culture. We have been changing that culture very slowly, but it is like a prism with many faces. If you look through one face you can see this huge national service. The postman with his red van, the sub-office which is also the village shop. That is an image which is politically very sensitive and is precious and must he protected. If you look through another face of the prism you will see a structure with all the jargon and pressures of any big, profitable business." Cockburn has the jargon the senior managers of any other large, profitable, blue chip company. Given his life-long career



Seat of power. Bill Cockburn, who has come up through the Post Office ranks over a 31-year career

forgiven if you had expected him to nervous, shy nor daunted by his product of a civil service-type entity. As soon as you open his office door, however, you realise that you are going to be in for a surprise. He leaps forward enthusiastically, almost lunging at the door, and greets you warmly. He is 5ft 7ins tall and stands closer than most, infringing that unwritten area of

them periodically, fidgeting. He declines an offer of tea and asks for a Diet Coke. Cockburn, the within the Post Office you could be son of a hospital porter, is neither

personal space. He settles into a

large leather arm chair, rests his

be grey, stiff, and old fashioned, a new job. "I was appointed to the board when I was 38 years old and I was managing director of Royal Mail which is the biggest job with the most people." He further supports his credentials by pointing out that he and Iain Vallance, now chairman of British Telecom, iomed the postal service at the same time and although the similarities end there - "He went to Oxford, is more cerebral and aloof, I'm less usiv cerebral, more up front they level pegged each other when it came to promotions.

"Our careers have mirrored each

chairman of the corporation from 1971-73, Sir William Ryland, and Iain Vallance took over from me. He leapt to be chairman of BT in 1987 and now I have caught up with him." Cockburn's competitive nature begins to be revealed. He is charming, personable, but likes to win. "Yes, he does hate to lose." says Terry Coughlan, a friend who lives near Cockburn's home in Famborough, Hampshire. "He is extremely stubborn, very, very de-termined and, on holiday, if he plays Monopoly with his daughters Rachel, 18, Becky, 15], he would never let them win. He can be very

charming, but he always manages

to get his own way. And he has always been very ambitious. He works twice as many hours as other people, he always has done. Even if we go away together for a few days to play golf, he is always ringing his office. He has his papers delivered to him, like a Cabinet minister."

That drive for achievement is, however, more for his personal satisfaction than public consumption. He is not an ostentatious man. Born in Edinburgh, into a Catholic family, he was raised in a high-rise flat and then a four-bedroom council house. "But we were always very comfortable and we made our own fun," he says. He passed his 11-plus, and went to Holy Cross Academy, a Catholic grammar school, "I was not very studious. Looking back, I suppose studying was always difficult at home because of the noise and distrac-

But he admits that those early experiences helped to form his character. "I do have a lot of determination and I think that did take root in those early days. It was the only way you could get on. My aspirations were not high, but I wanted to do better than my parents and my parents encour-

aged me to do that it was quite dear to me that nomic difficulty about the place, things like buying dothes were a problem, and so I had a job after school. I was 15 and I worked in a deli every night. The downside that I was

teams, because I was working, but I was surrounded by customers and I

Cockburn's reputation in business — and unusually for a nationalised industry — is as a customer service-driven man manager. Although he repeatedly gives the impression that his own world begins and ends with the Post Office, that, from his perspective, the rest of the world revolves around it, when it comes to examining the external view of the Post Office and its services he seems able to detach himself sufficiently to cast a critical eye.

He becomes increasingly animated as he discusses it. "I suppose I do have a strong sense of wonderful now is it's mine. It's my great big train set and I can do what I want with it Yes I am passionate about it and I expect the won't stop here."

work here. But it is not all consuming. I can visualise myself doing other things."

Some people might find that surprising given the hours he puts in at the Post Office. He says he does not know if he can be accurately classified as a workaholic. "The hours are long," he says. "I get in at 8.30 am and if I'm home in time to see the 9-o-clock news then I'm doing well. I go to dinners

maybe three evenings a week."

At work, he prides himself on being a visible boss. "I like meeting our front-line employees. What they can tell me is far more important than what I can tell them. I have worked with various bosses who have been very rank conscious and I never wanted to model myself on people like that Perhaps that's because I'm still oung enough to remember what it is like to work for that type of person. You must fight against grandeur and self-importance. It's very easy to get seduced by it."

Gesturing to his large but functional and darkly male office dominated by several large oil paintings of trains — he says: "You've got to break away from the

nest." Yet depite his "people policy". Cockburn does not crave I do have a strong their friendship sense of ownership in the same way that he craves success. He does wonderful now is what he does because it is good it's mine. It's my for the business. not because it is great big train set good for his own popularity. He is not shy of taking

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couldn't play sport in the school unpopular decisions. Some years ago, despite protests, he instructed all senior managers to do away with their drinks cabinets, and he, of course, led by example. They must all be forced to leave their

> Cockburn's appointment is for a three-year term, his fourth successive such term, since being made a director, "I would want to stay for as long as it was felt that I genuinely added value," he says. Does that mean that in three years he might consider a fresh challenge? "Oh i think so," he replies. Yes, there is another job in me. I'm quite good at running large, service businesses and I know from experience how to manage cultures and how to find the levers and buttons of change." His comments would not surprise his friend Coughian. "I am sure he has his eye on the next thing. He certainly

## Managing agency at Lloyd's failed to monitor exposure of LMX syndicate

bert Heath agency, finds that the underwriter misjudged the syndicate's exposure and its reinsurance protection. That led to an average loss of £22,335 for its names.

The 14-month enquiry, headed by Peter DuBuisson, a partner in BDO Binder Hamlyn, the accountancy firm, also found that Cuthbert Heath failed to monitor the syndicate's exposure and pro-

The syndicate lost 142 per cent of its underwriting capacity in the 1988 year of account. The 197 names on the syndicate shared a £4.4 million loss as claims flooded in after the explosion on the Piper Alpha

rig in the North Sea.
Graham Naish, the under-writer responsible for the reinsurance programme, resigned in July 1988, a few days after the explosion. He has not given the loss review committee an explanation of the shortage of cover. The report finds that Cuthbert Heath did not monitor the reinsurance Syndicate 1084 was set up

AN independent report into losses at Lloyd's syndicate now notorious London market 1084, managed by the Cuth-excess of loss (LMX) reinsurance business. A loss of more than 100 per cent of capacity automatically triggers a loss review under Lloyd's rules.

The report also finds that insufficient regard was given by the managing agent to the principle of equity between names on different years of account. Names on the 1988 year benefited from the recovery of \$5 million under a



Doll-Steinberg: appeal

retroactive reinsurance policy, but those on the 1991 year were charged the cost of

Meanwhile, one of the sharpest critics of Lloyd's set out his manifesto for an election to its ruling council. Alfred Doll-Steinberg, chair-man of the Gooda Walker Action Group, is one of ten candidates standing for a va-cancy for an external member.

Other candidates include David James, chairman of Davies & Newman, Dan-Air's parent company, and Andy Ripley, the former England rugby international. Four seats for internal members are also up for election. Ballot papers were posted yesterday and the winners will be announced on November 25.

Mr Doll-Steinberg has writ-ten to the Gooda Walker Action Group's 2,400 mem-bers asking for their support. He calls for a negotiated solution to the difficulties faced by names who have been severely affected by losses that are not just the result of bad huck. This is needed, he says, to avoid years of litigation, with all the damaging consequences for Lloyd's business".

He says that if elected, he would press for reforms to transform the principle of the primacy of names' interests from the pious wish to

Names' interests, he maintains, rank third at Lloyd's, below those of policyholders and Lloyd's professionals.

The letter argues that a distinction should be made between policyholders from the general public and other Lloyd's syndicates that are policyholders. Mr Doll-Steinberg writes: "Another problem for the name is that the professionals in the market are reimbursed mainly out of cash flow and they bear none of the losses; so there is a temptation for them to write policies to earn premium, without en-quiring too closely about the

insured risk. He says he supports the view of Colin Murray, a member of committee of Lloyd's council. that the fortunes of Lloyd's insiders should be more closely tied to those of the names they serve. "If these changes do not come about spontaneously," he says, "a new Lloyd's Act will be needed - and

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## Dull markets maul Tokyo brokers

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO

SUM trading volume and stagnant share prices battered Japan's brokerage earnings in the six months to September 30, forcing all but one of the top 14 firms to announce net losses at their parent companies on Friday.

Had the brokerages not availed themselves of an official exemption allowing them to postpone writing off losses on securities holdings until the business year ends in March, the flow of red ink would have been greater, analysts said.

The Big Four brokerages retained their september forecasts for the full year to March, hoping at least to break even at the net level. Executives, however, suggested that achieving even those modest hopes could prove difficult. Masao Yuki, Nikko Securities executive vice-president, said: "We did not revise our forecast because it was too soon. But it is difficult to expect a sharp recovery in trading volume for the latter half." Only Daiwa Securities managed to

avoid red ink at the net level in the first half, scraping by with zero profit against 10.8 billion yen (£55.1 million) last year. Daiwa also kept its September forecast of a Y6 billion parent net profit in 1992/3

against a net loss of Y43.5 billion in 1991/2. Hiromitsu Sogame, managing director, said: "A forecast based on daily stock market turnover of Y400 billion in the second half may look too high, but we think that management will need to try hard to achieve the forecast."

Nomura Securities posted an Y8.49 billion net loss (Y18.1 billion profit) in the first half. It said it expected zero net profit (Y31.6 billion) for the full year. Vasnhiro Mizuuchi, executive vice-president, said: "Although the discount rate was lowered twice in the half year, the stock market remained stagnant and our earnings were the poorest ever." He appeared resigned, however, to the blow to the brokerage's prestige. "At the current market level, this is no situation

in which to compete," he said. Nikko Securities reported a Y611 million parent net loss (Y1.25 billion

net profits (Y25.9 billion loss) for the full Yamaichi Securities fared worst

among the Big Four, reporting a Y15.79 billion parent net loss and a Y19.32 billion current loss. It expects zero net profits (53.2 billion loss) in 1992/3. A Yamaichi executive said the brokerage would do all it could to avoid cutting its annual dividend, including continuing cost-cutting measures. Analysts said the brokerages could face

pressure to cut their full-year forecasts if, as expected, stock market volume and share prices remained in a slump. Tokyo's key Nikkei share average closed up 104.61 points, or 0.61 per cent at 17,117.65 yesterday - less than half

expects an upturn anytime soon.

Nozomu Kunishige, a financial analyst
at Kleinwort Benson International, said: "They are cutting costs, but that won't have a big impact in the second half so if the market stays as it is, they may have to cut their forecasts."

its December 1989 peak - and no one

## Smaller firms trade expanded

By PHILIP PANGALOS

SMITH New Court, the stockbroker, and Winterflood Securities, which specialises in smaller companies broking. are continuing to expand coverage of smaller stocks; despite contrasting moves by other securities houses.

Smith and Winterflood are expanding coverage to help firms faced with the transfer of trading in their shares from the stock exchange Seaq sys-tem to the Company Bulletin Board, which provides information to match buyers and sellers of shares in illiquid smaller firms.

Yesterday, Smith began dealing in another 44 smaller companies, making a total of 85, faced with transfers to the Company Bulletin Board as a



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result of recent decisions by three other leading marketmakers to cut the number of smaller firms in which they traded. Smith has also become a third market-maker in five other smaller companies.

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than 900 smaller companies. The news will bring further relief to smaller companies after SG Warburg Securities and County NatWest last month significantly reduced their coverage of smaller stocks. UBS Phillips & Drew followed this month.

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Smith, in conjunction with Winterflood, intends to continue narrowing the width of prices to promote more investor interest in this sector.

Brian Winterflood, managing director, said: "We are well ahead of the game and we will continue to be, although things are still tough."

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## Peking dispute hits firms with HK links

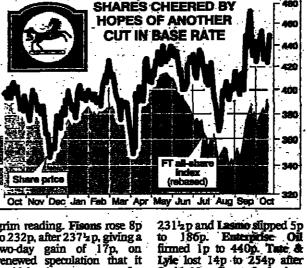
THE friction between China and Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, over unilateral reforms and the new airport resulted in a sharp markdown in shares of companies with strong trading links in the area.

China said that it would reverse any reforms taken unilaterally once it took over the colony in 1997. It is also threatening to withdraw fi-nancial backing for the airport if Hong Kong tries to go ahead alone with the project. Hardest hit among those companies with close Hong Kong interests were HSBC, down 20p at 480p, Cable & Wireless 12p to 595p, and Incheape 14p to 504p. Dealers in London said the Hong Kong stock market could be poised for a fall of between 5 and 10 per cent. The rest of the equity market spent a volatile session, but succeeded in consolidating the strong gains seen this week, helped by speculation about another

Attempts by squeezed market-makers to knock prices first thing in the hope of attracting sellers proved short-lived, with selective buying soon pushing shares higher again. But the absence of any signal from the Bank of England for a further cut in rates left shares drifting again.

cut in bank base rates.

The FT-SE 100 index ended below its best of the day, 11.6 points up at 2,669.7. with 586 million shares traded, a rise on the week of 105.8. ICI lost a further 27p to £10.40 ahead of next week's third-quarter results. The figures are expected to make



grim reading. Fisons rose 8p to 232p, after 237½p, giving a two-day gain of 17p, on renewed speculation that it could be the next target of a takeover bid after recent buying in the traded options market. Volume reached a

Ocean Group, the environmental and shipping services company, fell 13p to 191p in the wake of another round of profit downgradings. Kleinwort Benson and Charterhouse Tilney have reduced their forecasts. Kleinwort has trimmed its by £1 million to £40 million.

healthy 6.1 million shares. Dealers say any bid for Fisons would have to be pitched at about £3 a share. Suitors are thought to include Astra of Sweden, ICI and Wellcome. Shell lost 8p at 527p after "sell" advice by County NatWest BP eased 1p to

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document by calling the industrial conglomerate an "opportunistic predator". Hanson

Smith New Court, the broker,

advised clients to take profits.

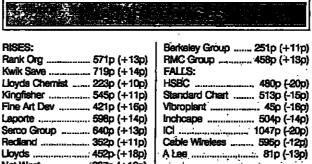
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responded to the Hanson offer

is offering 220p a share valuing RHM. 2p firmer at 249p, at £780 million. Hanson was virtually unchanged at 232p. Interest rate speculation lifted the high street banks. Bardays firmed 6p to 340p, Lloyds 18p to 452p, National Westminster 12p to 387p, after 391p, and Royal Bank

and 8p to 172p. Reuters recovered some of this week's lost ground, with a rise of 22p to £12.22. Arthur Lee fell 13p to 81p after G. M. Firth sold 7.35 million shares to Carclo Engineering at 80p. Carclo was steady at 139p.

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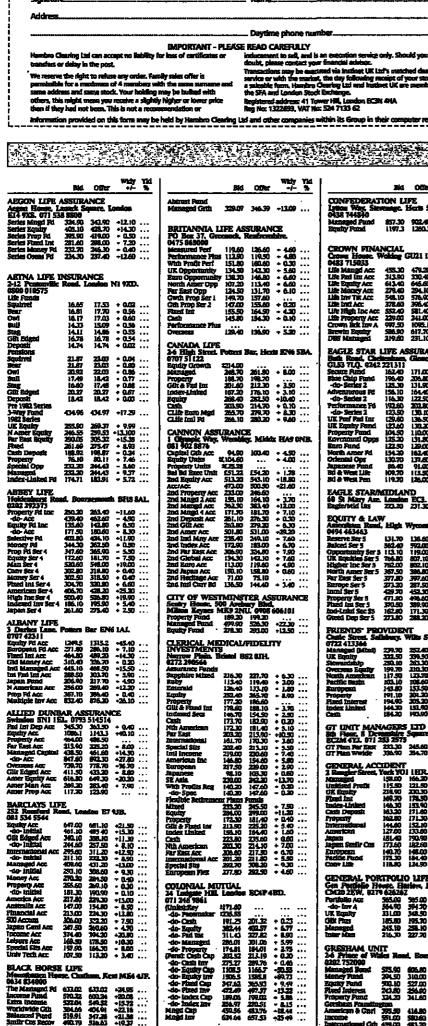
## Dow edges up 7 points

New York - American blue said: The higher we get above chips were mildly firmer. 3,200, the more momentum Bonds posted minor gains but remained in a range. The Dow Jones industrial average ended higher on firmer futures prices, with the Nikkei morning trading to 3,207.91.

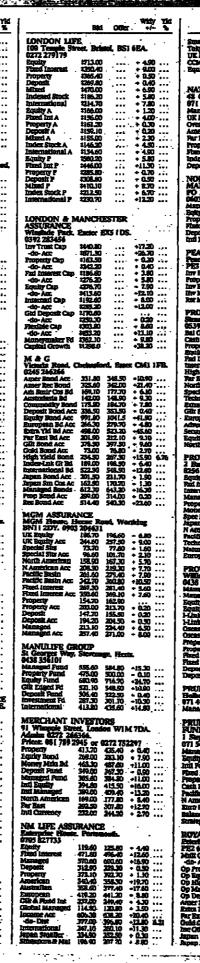
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index closing at its day's high Alice Sadlo, a first vice-presi- The index was up 104.61 dent at McDonald and Co. points to 17,117.65.











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## WEEKEND MONEY

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year is a long time in bank-Aing. Last autumn, banks were fighting hard not to have to tell customers in advance how much they would be purloining from their accounts for charges and interest. It -views of the customers and conwould cost banks £60 million a year, Trevor Blackler, their spokesman, said to anyone who would listen. Yet none of the banks could explain quite how such costs could be logged up by sending out statements a fortnight before charges were due to

Now, Mr Blackler seems to have changed his story. He is now delighted that National Westminster will be the first of the big four banks to announce it is going to prenotify accountholders of charges.

How selective NatWest's memory is. He tells us that the bank will be the first of the big four to offer such a service next March. The bank also waxes lyrical about wanting to serve customers and how important it was for customers and customer groups to be told about charges before they

are deducted from accounts. What it neglects to say is that the the code, which was implemented in

## Banking on bad memories

sumers groups cut little ice in the negotiations on the code last auturn. It is now only days away from customers of another bank receiving their first statement telling them in advance of charges that NatWest is acting. Competition is a wonderful

thing.
TSB customers will be told of charges in advance. The bank reckons it will not cost it much more than £1 million to offer a service that was regarded as important in many of the submissions on the first draft of the banking code, which tried to enshrine the rights of the banks

rather than those of the customers. They had to start again when hundreds of customers and consumer organisations lambasted the original. It was not, of course, a Uturn, more a change of emphasis, said the banks when representing



COMMENT

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was published last December. It then appeared that banks would foot the bill for disputed withdrawals from cash machines, unless they could prove the customer had been negligent.

This was at the suggestion of Laurence Shurman, the banking ombudsman. The banks would change their attitude and customers would not automatically be regarded as fraudsters if they disputed a payment. Unfortunately, banks could

March. There has been another tending to refuse to compensate cuschange of emphasis since the code tomers on the grounds that their machines are infallible and if money was withdrawn it could only have happened by using the correct card and the correct personal identification number.

A test case is being prepared. It will be interesting to see whether the banks will wish evidence of possible fallibility to be aired publicly by computer experts, or whether, once again, they will settle on the steps of the court without any embarrassing details being revealed.

Any public examination of the

issue would be welcomed by the millions of customers who have never suffered a disputed withdrawal but who worry that they would not be believed if they did and also are anxious that their savings could be plundered for days on end between statements without their knowing.

A reassuring statement of policy from one of the banks could reassure customers and set the others on the

### Playing the game

t is rumoured that the banks have been hauled over the coals by the Bank of England this week, to press them into joining the proposed Personal Investment Authority. If this and other tales of discreet arm twisting of building societies and life offices are true, it is a welcome move.

Ever since Sir Kenneth Clucas tion, not trying to prevent it.

proposed that the regulatory system should be drastically simplified and reduced to a single authority, the big financial institutions have been squabbling with each other like spoilt children to try to avoid joining. They seem to have lost sight of the reason for the Personal Investment Authority, to provide more consistent and efficient regulation.

Banks and building societies would much rather continue their cosy regulatory relationship with the Securities and Investments Board, which has always let them do pretty much what they like, than subject themselves to the more rigorous regime likely under the Personal

Investment Authority.
Life offices are playing a similarly counterproductive game, saying that they will not play unless the banks and building societies do. The big high street institutions, as well as the life offices, must join the Personal Investment Authority. They need to be as sternly regulated as the smallest insurance agent. They should be leading the fight for efficient regula-

## A guide to surviving the depths of recession

By LINDSAY COOK AND SARA McCONNELL

record is proving tough for many. The rapidly falling mortgage rates have been matched by plunging house prices. Property is the cheapest it has been in earnings and payments terms since the beginning of the seventies, but first-time buyers are worried that interest

STRUGGLING to survive in the longest recession on rates will escalate again, or that their jobs will disappear along with hundreds of thousands of others. Weekend Money has worked out a survival guide to answer many of the questions people are asking and to help them get their own personal economies into better shape than that of the country.



THE most frequently asked question by home owners is whether they should convert their variable mortgage, which is about to come down to 9.25 per cent, into a fixed rate one at rates of about 8 per cent. After a montgage payment roller-coaster, certainty seems attractive to those who took out loans in 1988, and then saw the payments climb rapidly by more than 50 per cent over the next 18 months.

The best fixed-rate deals in recent years were at ,10 per cent or 1 s, and inted for ity years in 1987 and 1988. Analysts and building soci-

eties are hoping for another 2 percentage points off bank base rates, which could give standard mortgage rates of 7.75 per cent and lower for large loans or first-time buyers. At that time, fixing could be worthwhile. In the meantime, for those of a neryous disposition, capped mortgage rates are available at 8.99 per cent and lower. These will go down if variable rates fall below the cap. The initial fees are usually higher than for fixed mortgages and the length of guarantee shorter. The fixes are usually for two.

three or five years, and there are penalties for people who cash in before the period is over. This makes them unsuitable for people who are paying a mortgage on a property while renting it out, unless. they will be buying another property when they finally sell. Some loans cannot be transferred in the early years. The savings may be outweighed by more expensive compulsory insurance, the valuation and legal fees and administration

fees of up to £300. Those watching savings rates being eroded often consider paying off part of their mortgage to reduce outgoings. With mortgage rates at 9.25 per cent the cost is reduced to 6.93 per cent after tax relief is taken off the first £30,000. It could be even lower for large loans or those with new buyers' discounts. Compounded savings rates are currently keeping pace for basic rate taxpayers. It is, therefore, worth keeping the relief. Loans above £30,000 cost

the full amount and savings



rates are not keeping pace The best time to pay a lump sum off a building society loan is just before the end of its financial year. Then the next year's calculations take the reduction into account. Most societies have a year that coincides with the calendar year. The Halifax's is January 31.

Home owners should not

leave themselves without emergency money by paying off a lump sum. The monthly savings can also restore investments. There is nothing to stop a remortgage or applica-tion for a further advance later. Those wanting to move house are being frightened off by the low valuations estate agents are quoting. Anyone moving to a larger property can still get a bargain. Prices are not likely to rise in the short term. No one need feel panicked to buy as there are lots of properties to rent at rates lower than mortgage payments and with no repairs or insurance to pay for.

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five stages.

THE volatility of stock markets since the crash five years ago has frightened new and even established investors away. Now: as interest rates are set to fall again, a range of products that safeguard the initial investment are compet-

ing for investors' lump sums. Shellshocked investors are still not sure whether they can afford to go into equity-based investments. The first rule to remember is that the guarantee is only as good as the company offering it.

Save & Prosper this week announced details of a new five-year stock market bond for the nervous. It will start accepting investments on November 16. This guarantees that 99 per cent of the original investment will increase in line with the FT-SE index and there will be no basic rate tax to pay. If the index falls, the investors get their money back. The very cautious can forgo some of the potential gain by locking in profits of up to 50 per cent in

Several bonds, including Citibank Life's Capital Guaranteed 100, have an option to lock in 50 per cent of growth. Investors are guaranteed 100 per cent of any increase in the FT-SE 100 index, net of tax.

The Britannia Building Society's Triple Bond guarantees investors 110 per cent of the growth of FT-SE 100 companies over five years. If the index falls, investors get their money back.

As with similar guarantees, investors forgo any dividend income. At worst they get their money back. If they need the money early they could lose if the stock market is down when they need to withdraw.

TAKING out a company loan at a preferential rate used to be one way of easing financial problems, but it is less attractive now.

The mortgage offers made by banks, building societies and insurance companies to staff are not such a good deal as they were. When standard mortgage rates were 15.4 per cent, the rate of about 5 per cent on the first £50,000 borrowed looked enviable. Now variable rates have

shrunk to 9.25 per cent. Those earning more than £8,500 a year are taxed on loans as a benefit in kind, based on the difference between the rate on their loans and the Inland Revenue's "official interest rate". This will fall to 9.75 per cent on November 6, bringing it closer to the typical mortgage rate. Employees will, therefore, have to pay tax on 4.75 per cent of their loan at their highest rate. A higher rate taxpayer with a £50,000 preferential loan will have a tax bill of £950 on the £2,335 difference between the official rate and the standard rate.

the loan, as does being made redundant. A conventional mortgage costs about the same and gives more flexibility.

## To surrender or not to surrender

ENECWMENT POLICIES

SURRENDERING an endownent policy is a tempting option for people wanting to cut down their outgoings and generate immediate cash, particularly for those who were sold such policies on the back of a mortgage during the late 1980s' housing boom.

Some home owners will have moved house and changed to a repayment mortgage, or changed to lengthen the mortgage period. Others may decide to save through personal equity plans or to put more into their pension to pay off the loan. Surrendering a policy in the early years will certainly mean getting back less than the investment.

Beale Dobie, which specialises in selling secondhand life policies, said an estimated 1,000 people a week surren-dered policies to life offices, losing an average of £1,500 on a £10,000 policy.

Those desperate for cash can obtain up to 33 per cent ne by selling according to Policy Portfolio, another spe-cialist firm. Saleable policies must have been running for at

least four years, have a surrender value of more than £1,000 and be issued by one of the

top 20 life offices. A way of continuing to own the policy without paying any more premiums is to make the policy "paid up".

The investment still earns bonuses every year and a terminal bonus at the end of the term. The sum assured that the office guarantees to pay on death or maturity is reduced, but policyholders are almost certain to get back more than their original investment.

Life offices have different rules for making policies paid up. Scottish Widows, for ex-ample, will make policies paid up, provided the paid-up val-ue of the policy is at least £1,000.

The policies will continue to earn bonuses and be treated as with-profits policies. Alternatively. Scottish Life insists that policies have to have run earn bonuses when they are paid up. If they have run for less than five years, they do not earn bonuses.

WOMEN considering starting a family on existing levels of maternity benefit will get a better deal if they wait for a new European Commission directive on maternity pay to

be implemented.
This autumn's Employment Bill is likely to contain dauses entitling women to a mini-mum of 14 weeks' leave on sick pay, regardless of how long they have worked for their present employer. At present, prospective mothers who have worked for less than two years full time, or five years part time, for the same employer, have no right to maternity pay. The changes have to be implemented in two years. British women who fulfil the present service requirements are entitled to six weeks' leave on 90 per cent of their salary, followed by a further 12 weeks leave on statutory maternity pay.

The cost of bringing up a child from birth to age 16 has risen 60 per cent in nine years, to £32,000 from £20,000. according to the Legal & General This figure assumes that the mother will go back to continue working while the child grows up L&G says average take home pay for women is £7,800.



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Swift clearance of debts makes sense THOSE worrying about their financial future have two options with credit cards and personal loans — to pay them off as quickly as possible or to insure the

payments so that redundancy does not lead to the county court Base rates may have almost halved over the past two years, but the rates charged on these accounts are moving down slowly and by much less.

One way of eliminating credit card debt is to pay it off with savings. It is worth settling a £1,000 credit card bill, costing about 25 per cent a year, by using £1,000 worth of building society savings, earning just under 5 per cent net a year. The Halifax, which pays 4.95 per cent net, 6.6 per cent gross, on balances of £1,000 in its instant access account, said: "It makes sense to get rid of credit card debt first and foremost so you can start off with a clean state." The building society also pointed out that having more than £8,000 worth of savings could disqualify people from obtaining some state benefits. The monthly credit payments can be used to restore savings in the longer term head of money policy at the Consumers' MIC SETTINGS IN ALL STREET, AND ALL STREET, AN

Unsecured bank loans or overdrafts can be paid off early in a similar way, but borrowers should check there is no penalty for early repayment. These can be substantial.

The rates on these are also starting to fall, making authorised overdrafts and loans minimally cheaper than credit cards. Bardays will charge an annual rate of 23.9 per cent on loans of between £500 and £2,500 from November 17. Authorised overdrafts cost 21.3 per cent a year. The most expensive loan is an unauthorised overdraft, which costs 35.7 per cent a year at Barclays.

Reducing debts is cheaper than relying on payment protection insurance. This is sold with the loan and will meet the regular payments for 12 months or two years, if the borrower is made redundant or is unable to work through sickness or disability. However, Jean Eaglesham,

Association, said insurance could add half as much again to the cost of borrowing. Insurance premiums, normally charged as a sum per £100 or £1,000 of the monthly loan repayment, are added to the repayment. Insurance covering credit card payments is calculated as a percentage of the monthly balance. Many of these policies have restrictions

on the cover. Some, including NatWest's Credit Guard cover, do not cover redundancy at all. Those that do cover unemployment will not pay out for the first two or three months, depending on the terms of the contract.

Similar restrictions apply to mortgage payment protection insurance. A few lenders, including the Woolwich, Birmingham Midshires and NatWest, offer insurance to existing borrowers, but most are unwilling to take on existing customers because they are more likely to claim. The Woolwich, which charges a fairly typical £6.50 per £100 of monthly payment, has a waiting period for existing borrowers of 180 days before they can claim, against 90 days for new borrowers.

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## Mortgage-holders find low-cost policies are not safe as houses

been set up for

borrowers who

face shortfalls on their loans, says

Sara McConnell

MILLIONS of home owners face the prospect that low-cost endowment policies taken out to pay off mortgages might

However, holders of traditional, with-profits policies are not warned by life offices if the policies are not performing as well as expected. There are normally no mid-term performance reviews, as there are with newer, unit-linked con-

Several companies have responded to the information gap this week by setting up helplines. Investors can use the lines to check whether their endowment policies, on present performance, will pay off mortgages after 25 years and, if not, what to do about it. They need not make any commitment in return, although in some cases a small

Nic Round Associates, a financial adviser based in Shrewsbury, Shropshire, has set up an enquiry line for holders of low-cost endowment policies. The performance of with-profits policies is not normally reviewed. because good and bad performance is meant to be

smoothed out". Nic Round will send a package of information to those ringing his enquiry line

the standard projections used (0743 248108). This includes by life offices constitute a a sheet of questions and answers on such topics as "Is my mortgage at risk with an guarantee. A policyholder who wants an endowment endowment?" and "Will the authorising the life office to tax-free lump sums still be

payable?". The an-

swer in both cases is Many people still believe that the that there is no guarantee. Mr Round standard projections offered by says that those sold policies before the life offices amount to guarantees Financial Services Act was implement-

give details of the policy. Nic Round Associates will then ed in 1988 may have been most seriously misled because companies were allowed to use work out what bonus rate is past performance to make needed every year to cover the mortgage. If performance is future projections. This pracfalling short, the firm will work out what premiums need tice has now been outlawed but many people still believe

to be paid to generate enough cash. There is a fee of £15; but customers who are not satisfied with the review they receive will not have to pay. Blyth McKenna, a London

up a similar helpline on 071-226 4119. It will work out what the policy will be worth at maturity, using the present

lower industry standard projection rate of 7 per cent. It will also use the proposed lower standard rate per cent, which life offices will have to use from next year to work out projections. Investors will be offered several worst.

different options for making up shortfalls. They could ar-range with lenders to pay back enough capital on their mortgages to reduce loans to the amounts likely to be available

end

by maturity dates. Alternatively, they could increase endowment premiums to make up shortfalls, or fund shortfalls with other investments such as personal equity. plans (Peps), instead of putting more money into the

The service is free to existing Blyth McKenna customers others are charged £15. Investors who are more worried about annuity rates

can call another new helpline. set up this week by Towry Law a Windsor-based intermediary, on 0753 868244. The free helpine will give comparisons between leading life of fices' annuity rates, updated

Many people believe, wrongly, that they have to buy retirement annuities from the companies that provide their pensions. Towry Law says. This is not the case. Although part of a pension fund does have to be used to buy an annuity paying out a regular income for life, investors can choose whichever companies

Graham Ashley, the manger of the new service, says: "Only one person in four takes advantage of his or her contracted right to shop around for the best pension annuity. As a result, most people are being stuffed into smaller

Retired people can be 15 per cent better off with annu-ities from the best company than with those from the

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relief for their costs.

## Cheaper home loans offered

ast week's base-rate reduction mortgages, capped rates and discounts, giving the cheapest loans seen in two decades (Sara McConnell writes).

The TSB has some of the cheapest rates on offer at the moment including a three-year fixed rate of 7.85 per cent (an annual percentage rate of 8.2 per cent for endowment loans and 8.4 per cent for repayment loans) and a fiveear fixed rate of 8.2 per cent (APR 8.6 per cent on endowments, 8.8 per cent on repayments ). A two-year capped rate at 7.5 per cent (APR 7.8 per cent for endowments) is also on offer, allowing borrow ers to take advantage of further interest rate cuts. An arrangement fee of £250 applies on the capped rate and £195 on the fixed rates. TSB's standard rate is cut to 9.25 per cent immediately for new borrowers, and from December 1

for existing borrowers. A five-year fixed rate of 8.25 per cent (APR 9.5 per cent) is available from Halifax Building Society. The loan can be

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make budgeting easier. The first is a revolving credit facili-

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nual option enables customers to spread the cost of likely

expenses over the year ahead.

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ries paid into the account. The

bank is also improving staff and customer safety with bet-ter security. The measures

have cost £4 million. It has also

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oublished Tax and Childcare

for parents. The leaflet, from tax enquiry centres and offices,

explains to parents the rules on childcare that is organised and paid for either by the

employer or the parents. The second part explains to em-

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pension or can be taken as a repayment and there is an arrangement fee of £250. The society also has a two-year fixed-rate loan of 7.99 per cent

Yorkshire Building Society has pipped the Halifax at the post with a two-year fixed rate of 7.5 per cent (APR 9.7 per cent) and a three-year fixed rate of 7.99 per cent (APR 9.6 per cent). Both loans have a £175 arrangement fee and borrowers have to take out buildings and contents insurance with the society, as well as accident, sickness and reduny cover. The society's nev variable rate is 9.25 per cent. Two-year fixed-rate money at 7.5 per cent (APR 9.5 per

Scarborough Building Socifixed rate is 7.75 per cent (APR 9.4 per cent) and its fiveyear rate 8.5 percent (APR 9.5 per cent). More expensive twoyear and three-year fixed rates come from the Bristol & West, which has a three-year fix at 8.5 per cent and a five-year fix at 8.99 per cent. A rarer one-

can be obtained from Chase de Vere Home Loans, the specialist mortgage broker. The loan carries a £250 arrangement fee. Three-year and five-year fixed rates are some of the high street building societies, however. The five-year loan has a rate of 8.99 per cent, with a fee of £250 while the three-year loan has a rate of 8.49 per cent with a fee of £250.

First-time buyers are the target of the Woolwich, which is offering a 2.35 per cent discount off its standard rate to mose takin more than £60,000. This will bring their rate down to 6.95 per cent for the first year. Those borrowing more than 90 per cent of the property's value and more than £60,000 will get a discount of 1.5 per cent, giving a discounted rate of 7.8 per cent. First-time buyers borrowing less than £60,000 will get a discount of 2.10 per cent for the first year when the loan is 90 per cent or less of the value of the property and 1.31 per cent if greater.

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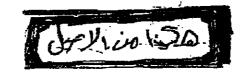
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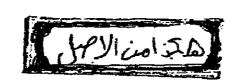
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# Coming to grips with negative equity

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THE one million or more and flais are worth less than their mortgages may be clinging to the hope that the government initiatives announced this week will help

them to move. Unfortunately, few will benefit from the change in law which will allow building societies to lend up to £25,000 in unsecured loans. The chance to transfer a shortfall on one property to another mortgage on another property may help a few more. Until now, owners have not been able to get tax relief on a new property if they have not redeemed the old

However, the main problem of falling prices has not been addressed, building societies and housing analysts say. Last month's 3.1 per cent fall recorded by the Halifax house price index pushed thousands more into the debt trap. Lenders are still lobbying the government for a move to stop the market from spiralling

They suggest a doubling of the mortgage tax relief limit to £60,000 immediately for all new purchases or an announcement now that such an increase will operate from the Budget in the spring. This could be for purchases over a one-year period and the higher limit could be phased out. along with all other mortgage



Home comforts: Paul and Sandra Awcock, who resorted to the rental market to get more space for their son, Thomas

tax relief over five or ten years. Lower interest rates and steady or slowly rising house prices would compensate borrowers for the loss of the tax relief. If the housing market were moved back on to a

willing buyer, willing seller basis, valuations for properties for sale should improve. Cautious valuers, afraid of a backlog of claims from lenders for optimistic or careless assessments, are tending to look

to the last three sales in an area. In many cases, this means they value ordinary properties by using the sale ordinary sales outnumbered

tions should be higher. For many families caught by prices falling by 30 per cent or more since they bought their homes, the £25,000 limit is little help because lenders will be reluctant to use their new powers and will charge up to twice the mortgage rate for unsecured loans.

They know that borrowers who start out willing to meet the monthly payments may become reluctant if they lose their jobs or face extra costs in a new home. Their gratefulness for being rescued from a housing horror story is also tikely to be shortlived

The solution will be very expensive for anyone moving house. In normal circumstances, cash is stretched at this time without the burden of an additional loan over 15

Abbey National, the second largest lender, has been able to make larger loans than the £10,000 building society limit,

not to do so. In a few cases, Nationwide Building Society advanced more than the limit by using a subsidiary company to make separate loans. Such cases were few and far

The Woolwich was working on a scheme to reduce the cost by allowing the additional loan to be secured on the home of parents or grandparents when the government measures were announced.

Paul and Sandra Awcock. who were featured in Weekend Money in July, bought their flat in Littlehampton, Sussex, for £45,000 and had it valued at £27,000 this summer. At the time they wanted to be able to sell and buy a larger flat to give their son, Thomas, more space. Their building society was unable to help. When they first talked to the society, a member of staff suggested they could resolve their problem by handing over the keys. The couple would not consider that and later the lender made it clear that it would not either.

Since then, they have given up hope of selling and have let their flat and rented another larger one themselves. It only took three weeks to let their flat and although the rent does not cover the mortgage payments and the agent's fees, each reduction in mortgage rates cuts their monthly loss.

Mr Awcock said: "As rates come down we will benefit and we have so much more space and the use of a garden for our son. We have taken our flat off the market and will wait until there is a little more confidence before we try to sell again." However, when that happens, the increased availability of unsecured loans and the easing of mortgage tax relief restrictions would help,

Lenders are concerned that people whose property price is below the mortgage are abandoning their homes. One top ten society reports that 40 per cent of visits to properties where there are arrears find the owner has disappeared. In some cases, they have sublet without making any arrange-ments with the lender or passing on the rent received.

## **Customers cool on** pushy sales staff

By SARA McCONNELL

pounce, leaving no time for customers to make their own decisions on mortgages or other financial services are the net hate of eight of ten respondents to a survey carried out for the Bristol & West building society.

Sales assistants should be honest about what they are selling and customers should be given time to browse and talk to experts for advice. Eight out of ten people want assistants to help them when asked, but ultimately like to make their own decisions about whether and what to buy. Three quarters of people asked agreed strongly that privacy when discussing financial affairs was important.

Building societies have obvi-

shops, had improved, while nearly the same number thought it had declined.
Tony FitzSimons, chief executive of B&W, said: "Banks

ously not gone far enough in meeting some of these criteria.

however. The verdict on whether service in societies

had improved was divided.

Four out of ten thought service

in banks and building societ-

ies, as well as other sorts of

and building societies have a lot to learn when it comes to helping their customers make the right purchasing deci-sions." In response to the findings of this and earlier surveys, the society has invested £10 million in launching its Financial Centres. Six have been opened in the past year with more scheduled for 1993.

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## Bleak prospects for BES investors

By LIZ DOLAN

THE first Business Expansion Schemes to get tax relief on property loans are celebrating their fourth birthday. The collapse in the property market since the schemes were set up means that the celebrations are, to say the least, muted.

One shareholder in Williams de Broë's Link Assured Tenancy Scheme, the first of its kind, launched in September, 1988, describes the outlook for himself and his fellow investors as "pretty grim". He says that many of the properties are in areas such as Southampton and Cambridgeshire, where house prices have plummeted in the past few years.

The de Broë scheme is insured against price falls, but only to 75 per cent of the purchase price. The first five per cent is also uncovered. The investor reckons that many of the properties are now worth much less than 75 per cent. Another

Broë scheme consists of numerous small companies, each with just nine shareholders who, therefore, each control 1.1 per cent of the voting rights.

However, although he does not expect to see any return on his initial £10,000 investment, this shareholder, at least, is philosophical. Investors who rushed to buy shares in similar schemes set up in March, 1989, have suffered even higher losses, he says. In addition, he recovered 64,000 in BES tax relief, and also enjoys full interest relief on the £8,000 loan taken out to pay for the investment.

Harvey Schulman, the lawyer who devised the de Broë scheme, claims that most of the properties are "still above the 75 per cent floor". He says it is far too early to predict the fate of the scheme, which still has a year to run before decisions have to be made about when, and how, to start selling the assets. He denies shareholders are likely to demand would lose the tax advantages and, in any

house doesn't guarantee a buyer." Mr Schulman revealed that he had written to the chairman of one assured tenancy BES in which he was an investor requesting the return of his money.

I was told to get lost. He said I was the only one who had asked for his money back. Directors make the decisions, not individual shareholders." Mr Schulman points out that, with interest rates apparently heading for 6 per cent, some kind of revival in the housing market cannot be ruled out over the next year.

"In any case, I can assure you that a lot of midnight oil is being burnt at the moment devising new and ingenious solutions for shareholders." He is adamant that this particular scheme has three valuable advantages over a substantial number of similar BES companies set up at the same time. "We invested only in new bouses, which are much easier to sell; the properties are

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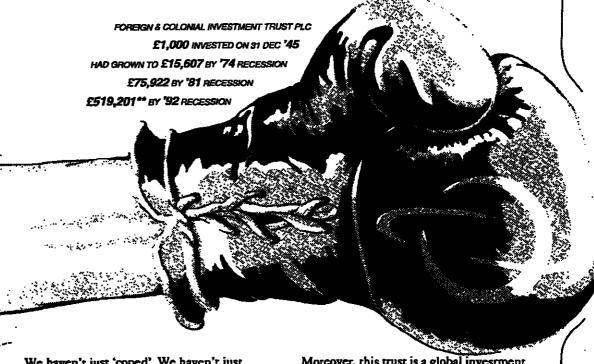


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## Lloyds branches out with computer link

By LINDSAY COOK

LLOYDS Bank stepped into the twentieth century this week when it linked the computers at most of its branches. Building societies have long operated so that any branch can be used without checks or delays. Lloyds has now completed a five-year programme to link

1.500 of its branches. This means customers can cash cheques in any of these

oranches without paying for a phone call to verify their account is in good order. It should also mean instant crediting of cheques or cash paid in at one branch when the account is held at another.

Transactions that customers will be able to carry out at branches other than their own include transferring money between accounts on the same

day, provided they are held at the same branch, obtaining details of recent debits and credits, changing address details or stopping a cheque.

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Monthly incomes from savings are falling. Helen Pridham considers the options

## Making the most of lower rates

bad news for investors who rely on their savings to provide extra monthly income to meet living expenses. With further cuts to come, to take account of last week's base rate reduction. such investors need to reexamine their options carefully and to consider putting part of their capital into fixed-rate

One of the most popular sources of monthly income is the National Savings Income Bond, which in the last financial year attracted more than £600 million. It had already been announced before last week's interest rate cut that the return on the bond would fall from 9 per cent to 8 per cent gross (6 per cent net of basic rate tax) on November 5. Although the government is clearly keen to keep National Savings rates competitive, to help fund its borrowing requirement, it is also wary of upsetting the building societies, so a further rate cut on the bond is possible Banks and building societ-

ies were among the first to recognise the demand for monthly income. The option is usually available on longerterm investment accounts, subject to a reduction of between 0.25 per cent and 0.5 per cent in the annual interest rate to cover the extra adminis-

Abbey National says that about 25 per cent of depositors in its 90-day investment account and high-yield bond take a monthly income. At the Halifax the monthly income facility is requested particularly frequently by investors in the society's Guaranteed Reserve account, which offers fixed-interest rates over periods of one to five years. About 40 per cent of investors in these accounts take a monthly income. A spokesman said: "For investors who need a regular income it is clearly useful to know exactly how much will arrive each month, so that they are able to plan their expenditure, but it does mean they have to be prepared to lock their money away for The Halifax cut the rates on

its Guaranteed Reserve account last weekend and is now offering monthly income investors with £2.000 a rate of 7.628 per cent gross fixed for five years, or 7.954 per cent if they invest £10.000 or more. The rates for one year are



Looking for the best returns: Michael Thompson of Gerrard Vivian Gray

6.926 per cent and 7.254 per cent respectively.

Other sources of fixed income include guaranteed income bonds. They are issued by insurance companies. Among the handful of companies that offer a monthly income, Hill Samuel is now paying 6 per cent net of basic rate tax guaranteed for five years on investments of £5,000 plus. Until Wednesday, the rate was 6.8 per cent. According to Chase de Vere, the financial adviser, other companies that offer monthly income bonds are Alico, Canada Life, General Portfolio, Liberty Life and Premium Life.

Investors in income bonds sold by UK life companies are protected under the Policyholders Protection Act. For a fixed income with absolute security, however,

there are gilts or government securities that pay a guaran-teed amount half-yearly until they reach their redemption date, when their face value is repaid by the government. Investors who want a monthly income can buy six gilts with

appropriate payment dates spread through the year. Gilts can be purchased relatively cheaply through the National Savings Stock Register via Post Offices. Post Offices can supply booklets with the list of stocks available

together with their income payment dates. Banks and stockbrokers can ive advice on gilts. Michael Thompson, associate director of Gerrard Vivian Gray, the private client stockbroker. said: "One problem with putting together a monthly income portfolio of gilts is that there are only two stocks which pay in June and December. Nevertheless, despite this snag and the rise in gilt prices which followed the cut in base rates, it is still possible to lock

rates are cut further there is the prospect of capital apprecia-tion as well." To make a special of gilts like this worthwhile. Mr Thompson advises that investors would need at

least £15.000. An alternative route into

into a yield of 8.6 per cent for

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gilts is through a pooled fund, such as a unit trust. Fidelity's Gilt & Fixed Interest unit trust is one that pays a monthly income and requires a minimum investment of only £1,000. However, as it is an actively managed portfolio of gilts and fixed-interest stock aiming to produce some canital growth as well as income. the income payments are not fixed and they have gone down as well as up in past

A traditional source of fixed mouthly income is an annuity. a lump sum insurance contract that guarantees an income for life. However, while annuny rates can be very competitive for investors aged 70 or more, once capital is invested in an annuity it cannot be subsequently

In recent years some insurers have sought to make annuities more attractive to investors in their sixties and compensate for the loss of capital by offering back-toback plans. These are a combination of a temporary annuity

designed to provide a return of capital at the end of a five-year

However, Clerical Medical, which has a plan linked to a unit trust, admits that when its first investors plans reach ma-

turity early next year, they are

filely to see a shortfall in their Unit trusts can also be used to provide monthly income. Although most funds only pay out income half yearly, many larger unit trust companies. such as M&G, offer packages combining six of their funds so that a monthly income pay-

ment is produced. By investing through a per-sonal equity plan, there is also the advantage that income can be obtained tax-free. Starting yields on income unit trusts tend to be lower than on building society accounts but, in the past, income funds have had a good record of producing income growth and capital appreciation in excess of inflation. However, poor stock market conditions over the past three years have reversed

that trend. While many unit trust managers argue that the bottom reached and it is a good time to buy unit trusts to enjoy future growth as the stock market recovers, investors must be aware of the risks.

Investment bonds offered by insurance companies also provide monthly withdrawal facilities. However, most bonds are designed to provide capital growth rather than income so investors should be particularly wary if they want to avoid eating into capital



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## Conversions take cheer out of credit card shopping

CROSS Channel shoppers, keen to stock up on Christmas food and drink, are now able to take advantage of relaxed rules governing the amount of wine and spirits they can bring

back to Britain. Restrictions will not be lifted officially until January 1, but Customs officers privately admit they are turning a blind eye to people bringing back more than the official limit. However, there is no abso-

lute guarantee of immunity except at Southampton, where restrictions have been removed. Next year, everyone will be able to bring up to 90 litres of wine through Customs: even those carrying more will probably get away with it, as long as they can prove it is all for their own

People who intend to use credit cards to pay for their purchases will have other problems to consider. The beneficial effect of falling interest rates is good news, but mercurial exchange rate fluctuations and shrinking interest-free credit periods, must also be taken into account.

Few people are likely to be as spectacularly unlucky as Keith and Jean Clough of Abingdon, Oxfordshire, who travelled by ferry to and from The Netherlands just as the pound was making its swift exit from the European exchange-rate mechanism last

month. Mr Clough says two payments totalling £37.57 made on the outward trip on September 8 had increased to £42.57 by the time they were included on the couple's Girobank Visa statement - a 13.3 per cent mark-up. Payments made on the return journey, two days before Black Wednesday, September 16, increased from £52.86 to

The Cloughs sailed with



Victims of Black Wednesday: Keith and Jean Clough

Stena BV, a Dutch subsidiary Visa, making a total of three of the Swedish Stena company, which also owns Sealink. Although the ferry

quoted prices in sterling and guilders, the Visa slip was made out in guilders. The couple would have lost even more on the transactions had they been sailing with one of the ferry companies that

charge in sterling and then convert into their native currency. The money then has to be reconverted to sterling by

On all but two of the Sealink ferries travelling to France and Ireland, transactions are made in sterling throughout. The two exceptions are French-managed ships oper-ating from Dover, which charge credit card customers in francs.

As always, Christmas shoppers should make credit card purchases as near as possible to the statement date to take advantage of up to 56 days' free credit. However, Save & Prosper appears to be the sole remaining card issuer to allow all customers the luxury of interest-free credit right up to the statement date, regardless of whether the total bill is cleared in one payment. The others, including the four leading English and two big Scottish clearers, now charge interest from transaction dates unless the account is cleared in

full each month. Cardholders who wish to avoid interest charges should take care when writing out the payment cheque to avoid suffering the same fate as one reader. He accidentally wrote a cheque for £212.14 instead of £214.12, the amount appearing on his statement. The E1.98 deficit attracted a hefty £9.67 interest charge. Girobank subsequently waived the charge, but such sympathetic

treatment is not automatic. Save & Prosper's monthly interest rate is 1.69 per cent if customers pay the £8 annual fee, or 1.9 per cent if they do not. Anyone likely to carry a running balance of more than £317 a year is advised to pay the fee to take advantage of the lower rate.

Barclays has just reduced monthly interest charges on credit cards to 1.79 per cent. New, lower rates announced this week by National Westminster range from 1.5 to 1.9 per cent, depending on the type of card.

The Credit Card Research Group, whose members include all big card issuers except Save & Prosper, claims more meaningful comparisons between rates charged by different companies should soon be possible, thanks to an agreement to regularise how annual percentage rates are calculated. Barclaycard and the Halifax are already using the new method: the rest will fall into line over the next few

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SOME high yielding investment trusts that were sold to investors wanting income are struggling to maintain dividend payouts and their pos-ition will get worse next year, County NatWest, the analyst, says in its investment trust

The report, put together by Hamish Buchan, Robin Angus and other analysts at County NatWest, says: "The outlook for trust dividends is heavily overcast and getting darker with each month that passes. Most trusts derive the great bulk of their distributable income from UK equity dividends and these are currently falling, not just in real terms, but in absolute terms as

So far. trusts have escaped the worst because they are still paying dividends earned in

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1991 and early 1992. But the "lag effect", which has worked to their advantage so far, will turn against them in 1993. It goes on: "Some of the higher yielding trusts, particularly the newer ones which lack significant revenue reserves and so mouth, could feel the strain in the year ahead. The danger for them is that, by cranking up their portfolio yields yet further, they will mortgage the

future to stay afloat today." Many of the newer trusts have set themselves "unrealistically high yield targets" and some are stuck with paying out yields of more than 10 per cent. This cannot continue during times like these without an unacceptable degree of erosion of their capital base." County NatWest analysis are also worried that many high



Warning note: Robin Angus, left, and Hamish Buchan

yielding trusts are held through personal equity plans. Unrealistically high yield tar-gets make a decline in the net asset value of the trust "all but inevitable in times like these".

High income trusts named as having "weak" dividend paying power include City Merchants High Yield, Fleming High Income and Touche Remnant High Income.
County NatWest analysis
believe these may be in a
"highly pressured category if
present trends continue".

Income shares trusts with weak dividend paying power include Derby, Save & Prosper Linked and M&G Dual and Second Dual. These trusts are vulnerable because they do not have any revenue reserves. Derby has already cut its dividend, while the other three depend entirely on the underlying rate of income from the other managed funds in which they invest.

There are also some split capital and quasi split capital trusts which could find themselves using up capital to pay dividends. Gartmore's Value and Sphere Trusts could have a problem with this. Split capital trusts invest in different classes of share, some of which aim to produce capital growth and some structured to pro-

Larger and more well estab-

lished trusts investing in a diverse range of stocks should not give "cause for undue concern" because they mostly have substantial revenue reserves which they can use to pay dividends if their investments do not perform, the report says. All the "big ten" trusts, which include Foreign & Colonial and Anglo & Overseas, would be able to fund a 5 per cent dividend increase from reserves for three years, assuming maintained earnings.

The report tells investment trust boards not be afraid to cut dividends if the previous level proves unsustainable. Better still, they should be cautious about the level of dividend they set in the first

BRIEFINGS

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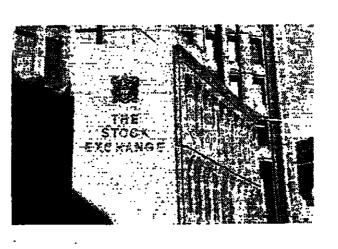
salary as the NHS scheme does. This is the second time the RCN has set up such a helpline. Last time, the line received 10,000 calls.

☐ Thornton Unit Managers has launched the Thornton Dresdner European Bond Trust. The bond is aimed at investors wanting both income and capital growth and will invest in European government debt and other interest bearing securities. There is a 1 per cent discount on the 5 per cent initial charge until November 30, 1992. The minimum lump sum investment is £500.

☐ Solicitors working with the Camden Citizens Advice Bureaux Service in London will draw up wills free. The service is an independent charity operating four bureaux in north London. It suggests £30 be donated to the charity for each will drawn up. A list of participating solicitors can be obtained from the Will Line on 071 483 1860.

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From Mr Peter Banks Sir, The fundamental mistake

in the letter from Mrs Patricia

Loder Dyer (Weekend Money,

October 10) is that she asks us

to agree that no borrower

should be forced to pay back

The true relationship be-

tween a leaseholder and his

landlord is that of a borrower

to a lender. The tenant has

borrowed the landlord's house

or flat, the rent is interest only

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the loan is the capital value of

the property which goes back

to the landlord at the end of

Mrs Loder Dyer is seeking

to acquire that capital value at

less than its true worth. Her

proposals are not leasehold-"reform": they are leasehold-

ers asking to renege on a

bargain into which they freely

entered. It is true that in 1967, based on the harriships of poor

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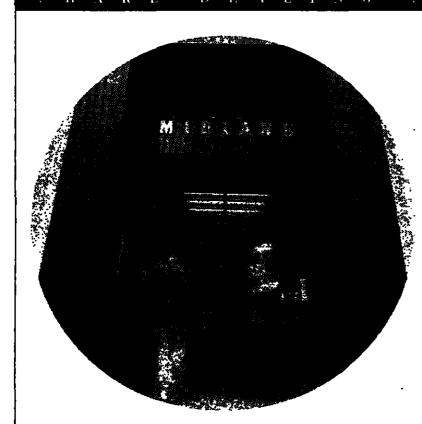
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#### Paying the price for health cover

From J. E. Read Sir. Apropos Mr Connelly's letter (October 17) re rises in health premiums. I could not agree more. At 67, my WPA premium rose from £520 in 1991 to £770 in 1992 and £961 to mid-1993 (with two small claims).

In spite of five requests for explanations and asking for a forecast for 1994, I have still not had a satisfactory reply except for nine reminders for me to renew my subscription. I have in consequence. changed to another company.

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On the same theme, my mother-in-law paid £700 subscription to PPP in April, and died in May. PPP will not give us a refund.

So much for "health insurance"! Yours truly

The Old Manor House, The Green, Brasted. Kent.

From Mr Robert Douglas Sir, I have been a Bupa subscriber since 1959, and have recently resigned, not just because of the huge increase in fees but also because Bupa do not pay out as they did on

A final point, Mr Connelly (October 17) may have overlooked the fact that Bupa

From Mr Keith P. Mitchell

Sir, Mr Sutton (Letters, Octo-

ber 10) has been misled by the

accurate but wholly mislead-

ing observation that Equitable

Life do not pay commission.

What it does pay is bonuses to

its salesmen, many of whom

earn in excess of £100,000 per

annum, as revealed in recent

accounts. Salesmen in any

company in any industry are

paid by results, and Equitable Life is no different in this

respect to its competitors. Only

the name has been changed,

to the confusion of the

Equitable Life is, on the

whole, a company we inde-

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would be happy to recom-

mend. The reason we cannot

is not "... of course because it doesn't pay commission . .

is because it does not use IFAs

as a distribution channel. We

have to give best advice to our

clients. We therefore need

Xtra details lacking

Sir, I consider that the com-

ment of the Halifax Building

Society concerning sending

information to its account

holders (Weekend Money, Oc-

tober 3) grossly impertinent.

pounds on television and oth-

er advertising in order to

attract account holders, and

yet they consider it too much

trouble to keep those same

account holders properly

I intend to sever my existing

connection with the Halifax as

soon as convenient. Yours faithfully,

3 Malvern Road,

Hampton, Middlesex.

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From J. Wildin

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## is he raising his premium his heartbeat

penalises subscribers over the age of 65. Yours faithfully ROBERT M. DOUGLAS, Fernwood, 247 Forest Road,

Old Woodhouse,

From Mr D. Peter Smith Sir, Mr Connelly's complaint (October 17) about Bupa insurance premiums is not with-

People in his position can subscribe to The Exeter Hospital Aid Society scheme that is a full health insurance scheme for which the premiums do not go up with age and are substantially cheaper than Bupa. In Mr Connelly's case, I

information on which to base

our advice, and we do not have

the access to inspectors, litera-

ture, computerised quotation

databases etc that the main-

stream companies provide as

It is difficult to see how

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actively through independents

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From Mr David S. Norton

Sir. Mr P. Sutton (October 10)

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Yours faithfully.

DAVID NORTON,

Norton Partners.

Tickenham Court

Tickenham, Bristol.

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Yours sincerely

(Consultant).

part of their service.

would suggest, from the infor-mation given, he would pay £67.77 per month net (Exeter's top subscription rate) of tax instead of "over £200 per month net of tax".

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14 Selling Court, Selling, Faversham, Kent.

#### Not so rich

Sir, In her article "Rich pickings for the brave" (Weekend Money, October 10) Sara McConnell revealed that, in general, a lump sum investment in unit trust shares made immediately after the October 1987 crash had, since that date, increased in value to a greater extent than an investment by a regular savings plan of similar aggregate amount. Such a result was not unexpected, given the low level of the market at the starting date. of the exercise.

However, I suspect that the loss of interest on capital of the hump sum investment may have been overlooked and, it this be so, such an inclusion in the calculations could well add an amount in excess of £1,000 to the monthly plan current values and so be a significant factor in the analysis.

MALCOLM ALLPORT. 11 Pentaloe Close, Mordiford. Hereford

#### Ruined by credit

From Mr Peter Wade Sir. Alison Mitchell in your review of the New Penguin Guide to Personal Finance (October 3) said that bankcould wreck you money plans for the rest of your life. It may prevent you from getting any sort of credit. Surely, lives have been

wrecked because of credit, so why would any reasonable person ever want it again? Yours faithfully, PETER WADE 70 Heath Road, Colchester.

From Mr Malcolm Allport

Yours sincere

by landlords, great and small, would diminish the honour of Parliament, destroy the value of the lease-contract; and should cause reasonable legislators to throw out the proposals for the proposed retrospective reform of the law. The possibility of windfall

gains, mainly to those who knew, and know, exactly the borrower/lender relationship of landlord/tenant are the driving force behind these proposals. That they seek breach of contract without social justification or proper compensation should make Mrs Leder Dyer's proposals unacceptable. Yours faithfully PETER BANKS,

35. Westleigh Avenue, SW15.

#### Swift reply

From J.T. Hughes Sir, As one quick to complain. I feel that it is only fair to try to publicise through your columns a recent experience.

The other Friday, I sent a withdrawal form to my C&G building society postal account, catching the midday collection. At 9 am the follow ing Monday, my cheque arrived. This service, over a weekend, could hardly be bettered. All credit to both The Post Office and C&G. It is only ironic for C&G that the trans-

action was not to its advantage. Yours faithfu J. T. HUGHES Twin Oaks, Oak Farm Lane

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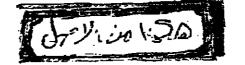
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**RUGBY UNION** 

## France seek endeavour to match the discipline

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

IT WAS another Kinsey whose name was attached, famously, to a report on the sexual habits of Americans. Brian Kinsey, the Australian referee in charge of the second international between France and South Africa in Paris today, will find himself part of what may become known as the Lapasset Report on the disciplinary habits of rugby

players.

Bernard Lapasset, president of the French federation (FFR), has been keeping a record of incidents involving French rugby players since the criticism heaped on France last season when a referee was attacked during the World Cup and two Frenchmen sent off against England in the five nations' championship.

"I will be presenting a report to the next meeting of the International Board lin November]," Lapasset said, after a week in which the French have been incensed by what they believe to be double standards. They find their players dismissed by Englishspeaking referees whereas, when one of their own is punched on the field, as was Abdelatif Benazzi by Adri Geldenhuys during the first France-South Africa international in Lyons last Saturday,

only a penalty was awarded. Kinsey refereed that match, norable for the discipline of the France, who conceded only seven penalties, of which two were free kicks. Moreover, the French are unhappy that it was Geldenhuys involved, a player twice warned by Ed Morrison, of England, when the South Africans opened their tour in Bordeaux.

However, all appeals to the South African management to displine the players have fallen African team has been chosen for the international at the Parc des Princes today and

one of the features will be whether France, whose re-shaped XV includes Benazzi, will be able to sustain that

An equally fundamental question is whether a French back division can play so poorly again. If it does not, we will know better whether South Africa's 20-15 win in Lyons was merited.

All those who have admired, with good cause, French backs of the past 30 years were staggered by the inaccuracy of their approach work, which contributed so directly to South Africa's win. So, evidently, was Pierre Berbizier, the French coach: two of the backs have gone in an attempt to improve both the handling and kicking game.

Given the same weight of possession, it is inconceivable that France cannot make better use of space, that Alain Penaud will not play a better disciplined game and that either Jean-Baptiste Lafond or Thierry Lacroix, both restored to the side, will not kick goals better than Sebastian Viars.

South Africa have won five of their six tour matches. But will they stick with the rigid kicking policy so well executed by Botha in Lyons? It seems doubtful that they will change but France can in their pursuit of the first home victory over South Africa in nearly 80 years of trying.

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FRANCE J.I. Sadoumy (Colomiers); J-B Lelond (Bégles), F.Meenel (Racing Club), T. Lacroix (Dard, P. Seint-André (Mont-lerrend); A Persuud (Brier), A Husber (Toulon); L. Arméry (Lourdes), J-M. Gornzales (Bayonne), P. Galliart (Bézses), P. Beneton (Agen), A. Benezzi (Agen), O. Roumat (Dev), L. Cabannes (Racing Club), M. Cácillon (Bougon, capi).
SOUTH AFRICA: H. Fleece-Edwards (Natel), J. Small (Transvest), D. M. Gerber (Western Province), P. G. Muiller (Natel), D. Giver (Northern Transvest), H. E. Botha (Northern Transvest), G. D. Wright (Transvest), J. Styper (Change Free State), W. G. Hills. (Northern Transvest), P. H. Rodgen (Transvest), W. J. Bartmann (Natel), A. Geldenhuya (Eastern Province).



Pack men: France's front row of, from left, Graou, Gonzales and Armary, training yesterday

#### MATCH-BY-MATCH GUIDE

#### Courage first division Bath v Orrell

Three changes in the pack signify Bath's response to defeat in their last league match. Reed, Redman and Half replace Haag, O'Leary and Ojomoh. Cusani plays his first league game of the season in Orrelf's second row and Cleary and Manley are preferred as flankers.

Wasps v Gloucester Wasos, the leadue leaders, have fitagain Clough at centre and Prigram on the wing. Caskie returns to the Gloucester centre with Morns moving to the wing at the expense of

**London Irish v Bristol** The Irish lose Robinson to Ulster and

Keeran is awaiting cartilage surgery, so Verling plays No. 8, Higgins comes into the second row and Collins has recovered to lead the side. Bracken returns at scrum half for Bristol after recovering from a shoulder injury.

L Scottish v Leicester Scottish wetcome back Harrold for at centre, but Millard broke his nose

in training and Troup plays scrum half. Leicester are without the injured

Potter at centre so Boyle plays: at lock, Johnson gets his first league outing of the season.

Saracens v Harlequins Saracens bring D'Leary, the England under-21 wing, back in place of Gregory but remain without the injured No. 8. Crawley. Dear plays his first game at lock for Harlequins

W Hartlepool v Rugby West are unchanged for the fifth successive league game and must hope to break their first division duck. Quantifit comes into Rugby's centre and Fry replaces the injured Brain at hooker.

#### Heineken first division Bridgend v Aberavon

Bridgend, without the injured Webbe, Bryard and Howley, recall Spender and Yardley to the back row and have Donald Davies at full back. Aberavon rest Dragone and bring back Neil Griffiths at stand-off. Graham Evans moves to No. 8.

Llanelli v Maesteg Rupert Moon returns to captain Lianell and is partnered by Hun Williams while Gary Jones joins May at lock. Llanelli did the double against Maesteg last season and should win today against the second bottom club.

## Neath v Newbridge

Neath give Singer his first league game on the wing but play Andrew Thomas at prop rather than hooker because of injury to Brian Williams. Fox returns to the back row.

Newbridge play Harries at full back. Newport v Swansea

Newport bring in Flichard Jones at full back and restore George, their captain, and Moseley to the pack. Swansea make six changes but still field ten internationals. Gibbs and Hopkins are back at centre and Colclough is tried at light-head prop.

## Pontypool v Cardiff Portypool rest Maek, their Wales B hooker, and play Rogers alongside Mustoe, with Neil Jones at lock. Cardiff revise Their second row, where Roy and Rees play, with Ceri Thomas on the wing, Booth at scrum half and Greenslade hooking.

Pontypridd v SW Pol Pontypridd have Jason Lewis at centre ahead of his brother, Steele, and Phillips retains the hooking spot They should improve their mid-table position at the expense of the Police, who achieved their first league point

## appeals for unity at Bath

Robinson

By DAVID HANDS

THERE appears to be as much action off the field in Bath as there is on it.

While his players prepared to meet Orrell today in the Courage Clubs Championship. Andy Robinson, the Bath captain, appealed for unity among the champions players, administrators and members against a background of rumbling discontent, officials' resignations, calls for an extraordinary general meeting and moves for a

new committee structure.

The hassles off the field are upsetting the players," Robinson said. "I don't think it has affected our performances on the field yet but there could come a time where it started devaluing our performances."

Neath, who play New-bridge at the Gnoll in the Heineken League, have selected Kevin Fox in their back row after his month's suspension for a positive drugs test.

The Australians are not to be diverted from the selection policy that contributed to their defeat against Munster in midweek. Yesterday, they named their optimum XV to play Ulster at Ravenhill - the same team that opened the tour by beating Leinster, save at loose-head prop, where Cameron Lillicrap replaces Tony Daly, who is injured.

Their belief is that they should run the side to play I reland in the first international next Saturday as frequently as a limited tour permits, regardless of the consequences in midweek.

Today,the Irish provincial champions field seven internationals and will be roared on by a capacity 15,000 crowd. The difference from the defeat to Munster is that the Australians will have the experience and leadership they lacked on Wednesday and which made them so vulnerable.

ULSTER: C Wilkinson (Malone); R Carey (Dungannon). M Field (Malone), M McCall (Bangor), K Crossan (Instonans); P Russill (Instonans); A Matched (Ballymeras), D Elliotr (Bangor), S Smith (Batlymena), P Millar (Ballymena), 5 McKintly (Bangor), P Johns (Dungannon). D Tweed (Ballymena), G Hamilton (Ballymena, Captain), B Robbieson (I condo Inston AUSTRALIANS: M Roebuck; D Campese (captan). P Stattery; C Litterap, P Keams, E McKenzie, W Otehengaue, R McCall, J Eales, D Wilson, T Gavin.

e: R Megson (Scottand).

HOCKEY

## Hounslow gather forces for double test of capabilities

By Sydney Friskin

HOUNSLOW have some atching up to do in the Pizza Express men's National League with a visit to Fire-brands at Bristol today and a home match against Slough at Feltham tomorrow.

Having won their only match so far, Hounslow go into both encounters with renewed strength. Hacker and Williamson have returned from duty with the Wales team abroad although a third Wales player, Rees, is not available.

Firebrands, with a win and draw in two matches, can trouble Hounslow's defence and Slough's attack should be sharper with the return of their centre forward, Maskery, from a 30-day suspension after being sent off at Framlingham before the

league had started.
Teddington, with two Wales players. Colclough and Moore, back in their ranks. visit Canterbury, where the Teddington captain, Jason

Laslett, will be opposed by two other Lasletts, Stephen and Jim. Teddington have also played once only, a 3-0 win over Neston.

Neston face a daunting task when they visit East Grin-stead, who top the table with maximum points from two matches and are full of confidence after a 6-1 win over Surbiton.

Southgate, also with two victories behind them, go to Surbiton without Duthie, who is unavailable, and the injured Bill Waugh but Andy Grimes.

of Wales, plays his first match. Havant, the champions. with one point in two matches, expect to start their recovery when they entertain Welton, from Hull. Stourport. Cannock and Old Loughtonians have each begun their challenge with a victory. Stourport. depending again on Imran Sherwani, are at home to Cannock and Old Loughtonians are away at Firebrands.

## **England selectors** bring in changes

By a Special Correspondent

THE selectors of England's women's team have been forced to make several changes to their squad for the two matches against the Australian Institute of Sport at Oakham School this weekend.

The decision to rest members of the Olympic squad, and the priority given to an England indoor training weekend in Bristol, which involves several other outdoor regulars, means that England will miss Vickey Dixon, Tammy Miller and, most notably, Jane Sixsmith. The Australians are unbeat-

en on the tour. They may have only have one player. Alyson Annan, who played at the Olympics but there are five others who have played for Australia at senior level.

the team changes for the two

matches will give the manage-ment an excellent opportunity to watch players who have not often played at the top level.

"There will be no pressure on them in the sense that it isn't a tournament," she said. There will be no television and they can just get on against the opposition, who will be fast and dangerous but

inexperienced."

At Bristol, Maggie Souyave, the England indoor coach, will be busy with nine players preparing for the European Indoor Cup, which will be staged at Crystal Palace from January 8 to 10.

Jane Smith and Jo Toor have been forced to withdraw squad will still include Sandie Lister, England's outdoor cap-Jenny Cardwell, the Eng- tain, and five other players land manager, believes that who were in the team that beat Spain I-0 recently.

## **FOOTBALL**

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Third division Crewe v Bury.
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Lincoin v Barnet
Rochdale v Walsali
Scarborough v Chesterfield
Scunthorpe v Colchester
Shrewsbury v Cardiff GM Vauxhall Conference

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OLADORA LEAGUE: Premier divisions.

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HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop Auckland v Budon, Chorley v Colwin Bay; Frickley v Mossley; Gools v Flestwood. Honvich v Hode; Matlock v Winsford; Monecambe v Droytscien. First division: Bisdington Town v Hossendels, Eastwood Town v Congleton; Great Herwood v Guiseley; Germa v Nnowsley; Snepshed Albon v Hamogate Challenge Cup; Alfreton Town v Astron United: Lancaster City v Farstey Celtic, Raddidle Borough v Ceemenfon Town, Workington v Curzon Astion, Worksop v Warmington.

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BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cambridge City v Bashley, Dorchester v Gloucester, Hastings v Burlon, Troutoridge v Chelmsford; Worcester v Weymouth, Midland division: Bliston v Weston-super-Mera; Dudley v Stouthorder. Forest Green v Rushden and Diamonds; Gransham v Greeky, King's Lyrin v Bart; Redditch v Eveshern; Tarmvorth v Bridgnorth; Yale v Bedworth Southern division: Burnhen v Ficher Arhietic; Conselbury, City v Sudbury; Durstable v Budengham; Erith and Bevedere v Budengham; Erith and Bevedere v Baddook. Fareharm v Gravesend end Northfleet; Mergale v Brantree; Poole v Westdotone merguse v Eraintree; Poole v Wealdstone
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JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES
LEAGUE: Premier division: Brantiern
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DES v Fellestowe, Gaset Yarmouth v
Conteston: Newton United v Histor. Tiptree
v Stournancer; Watton v Heverhill, Wiscoch
v Brightungsea.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: NORTHERN COUNTES EAST LEASON
Premier division: Aminorpe Welfare v
Winterton Rangars, Bings v Lverseige
Glasshaughton Well v Proxemor, Harrogate
RA v Porcetract Col. Malloy MW v Better:
North Family v Sheffield, Osself Albient v
Coself Towns Spocishoode PS v Denaby:
Ashheld v Eccleshit; Thackley v

Spertymoot
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Flist
division: OPR v Ponsmouth, Southerd: v
Millivali: Watford v Ipswich, Second division: Briggion v Tottenham, Crysta,
Palace v Reading, Swindon v Oxford
United League Cup: Second round:
Bournemouth v Chartton Bristol C v
Beerstord, Bristol R v Arsenal, Cambridge
United v Norwich; Fuffram v Coofrester,
Leyton Orient v West Ham; Tottenham v
Cristsea, Wartibledon, Gillingham.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billinghern Synthonia v Durham City. Consett v Newcasile Blue Ster: Easington Colliery v Brandon; Guleborough v Ferryhill Athletic, Murton v South Benk, Seatham Red Star v Hebburn; Whitby v Chester-le-Street.

Star v Habbum, Whithy v Chester-le-Street.
LONDON OLD BOYS: Senior Cup: Shene
OG v Old Bradfieldrans; Old Buckwellians v
Old Regalonians, Old Selvatoritans v Old
Minchendeniens; Old Addevarts v Clapham
OB; William Fit v Old Woldingers, Old
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Josephans v Old Edmontomens, Cardonal
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Manufing v Old Edmontomens, Old
Josephans v Old Greenfordens, Old
Westhamiens v Old Greenfordens, Old
Hampbonens v Enfield; Caly of London v
Old Doridnians; Old Southallians, Old
Hampbonens; Old Sinjuns v Old Groces;
Pricent Old Boys v Old Kingsburtens; Old
Boys v Old Tollingtonens; Ravenscrot v
Chercsey, Wood Green v Old Ignalians.
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OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Meadonians v Old Wisomans Old Meadonians v Old Wilsonians;
SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Midland
Bank v Crouch End Vampines, South Bank
Poty v Old Actonians; Cwill Service v
NatWest Bank, Norseman v Old
Bromlears; Old Esthemeans v Old
Bromlears; West Welchean v Carshellon;
Windhmore Hill v Kew Association, Old
Salesians v Southgele Olympic, bis v Old
Salesians v Brommilet v Alexandra Park;
Altoyn Old Boys v East, Bernet Og
Berntham v Old Layrenans; Cusco v Old
Westminister Citizans; Merton v Registe
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SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Old Fairlopians v Old Owens, Old Grammarians v Peridleld, Witten v Notisborough. ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Prentier division: Lancing Old Boys v Old Wellingburians First division: Old Halleyburians v Old Westminsters; Old Wideans v Old

RUGBY LINION 3 00 unless stated Courage Clubs Championship

First division Bath v Onell .... London Irish v Bristol ...... London Scottish v Leicester ........ Saracens v Harleguins ..... 

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES Bedford v Fylde....... Blackheath v Newcastle G Moseley v Rosslyn Park... Vaterico v Wakefield Third division Askeans v Liverpool St H. Broughton Park v Havant...

Sheffield v Leeds Fourth division north Hereford v Presion G

Stoke v Rotherham..... Stourbndge v Walsall..... Winnington Pk v Towcestrian Fourth division south Basingstoke v Berry Hill ...... Camborne v Lydney..... North Welsham v Meidstone ... Sudbury v Southend ....... Trusrock v Met Police ............... Weston-super-Mare v L Welsh ....

Heineken Weish League All 2.30 First division Bridgend v Aberavon .... Llanelli v Maesteg ....... Neath v Newbridge .....

Pontvocol v Cardiff. Second division Glamorgan Wndrs v Blaina. Tenby Uld v Penarth.....

THIRD DIVISION: Aberevon Cuins v Pontypool United; Blackwood v Rumney; Romannen v Weedlam: Mountain Ash v cham; Mountein Ash v Bonymaen v Wresham; Mountein Ash v Kentig Hill, St Peter's v Abercynon: Treorchy v Tumble. FOURTH DIVISION: Cardill HS Old Boya Outrs v Tondu; Carmarthen v Buith Wals; Gamdillath v Kidwelly, Ruthin v Citynydd,

Vardre v Colwyn Bay; Ystradgynlais Cardigan. McEwan's Scottish League First division Boroughmuir v Jed-Forest.... Dundee HSFP v Curne...... Gala v Glasgow High Hawick v Watsonians Heriot's FP v Selkirk Stirting Ctv v Edinburgh Ac. Second division

Grangernouth v Kilmamock...... Kirkcaldy v Peebles Musselburgh v Preston Lodge ...... Stewart's Mei FP v Wigtownshire ..... THIRD DWISION: Haddington v Royal High, Howe of File v Dordonians; Langholm v Moragn Ac FP, Petheline V Portobasio FS Cossiophine v Hillinga Jordoniat, S Boswell's v Biggar, Huschesons' Alloisiane v Dordonia

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Tour match Ulster v Australia (at Ravenhill, 2.30).. Club matches

Club matches
Covertry v Harrogale
Exeter v Exeter Univ
Northampton v Cambridge Univ
Trinity C, Dublin v Oxford Univ (2.30)
LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Courage
Clubs Championship: First division:
Dorlsing v Earing; Guidford and Godsimng
v Ezon Manor: Did Colleians v StreathanCroydon; Old Mid-Whagiltians v Sulton and
Epsom. Scloup v Berling; Tabard v Old
Alleynans. Second division north: Bishop's Stortford v Cambridge; Ipswich v
Harlow; Lansbusy v Pinchley; Norech v
Woodford: Ruisip v Cheshunt, Upper
Clapton v Old Edwardians. Second division south; Esher v Lewes: Granteend v
Charlon Park: Old Reigellan v Westcombe
Park: Thanet Wanderers v Old Buse; US
Portsmouth v Camberley. Third division
north-west: Harpenden v Old Merchan

## TOMORROW

FOOTBALL Premier League Liverpool v Norwich (3.00) ...... Wimbledon v Tottenham (4.00) ......

Bardays League Millwall v Wolverhampton W (3.00).... Southend v Cambridge United (3.00) Skol Cup Finai

Aberdeen v Rangers (at Hampden Park, 3 00)... BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Bohemisms v Dundsik (3.00): Cork Cay v Sharmook (3.00): Drogheda v Shelkourer (3.00). Si Patrick's v Bray Wanderers (3.00). Sigo v Deny City (3.00): Welerford v Limenck (3.00) (2.00): Weterford v Ermenck (3.00)
WICKNEYS FA: Premier division: Arsenal v
Windbloth R. Brome v Maldstone Tigresses:
Ipswich Town v Stenton Pangers; Knoweley
Unsted v Doncaster Belles: Milhed Lonesses v RS Southempton. First division
noriti: Abbeydale Alvechuch v Shellison
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Arqvie; Sunderland v St Helens, Vilta Actecs
v Lessowe Pacific, Wicherhampton v Cowgato Kastrick. First division south: Birstol
Bactonett v Sandeen United; Hossocks Bescon v Destrict Line: Heimel Hempstead v
Brighton; Oxford United y Horsham: Town

Brighton; Oxford United v Horsham: Town and County v Epsom and Ewell. RUGBY LEAGUE STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: London Crusaders v Roch-HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bounnile, v Trojens

(Birmanghern University, 2.30); Canterbury v Teddington (Polo Farm. 1.00); East Grisslead v Neston (Sami Hill, 2.15); Frebrands v Old Loughtonieurs (Ciffon Colege, Bristol, 2.00). Hevent v Welton (Havan College, 2.15); Hounstow v Stough (Fettram School, 2.00); St Albana v Stromiey (Clarence Park. 2.00); Strupport v Cannock (Kiddemenster School, 2.00); Surbáon v Southgate (Supden Road, 2.30); Second division: Barford Typers v Brean (Holyhead Leisure Centra, Birminghern, 1.00); Chalmstord v Cambridge City (Chelmer Park, 2.00); Chelmer Park, 2.00); Chelmer V Cambridge City (Chelmer Park, 2.00); Chelmer V Cambridge City (Chelmer V Cambridge) (City (Chelmer V Cambridge) (City (Chelmer V Chelmer V Cambridge) (City (Chelmer V Chelmer V Chelmer V Cambridge) (City (Chelmer V Chelmer V WOMEN'S TOUR MATCH: England XI V 2.001. CLUB MATCHES: Bedans v Cariste; Boumemouth v Southempton, Pictorick v Loughborough: Poyriton v Deeside, West-fields v Cowell, Wimbledon v Trojans

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CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Men: First division: Eundorigand Samis v Gulddord

Kingz: Second division: Middlesbrough

Mohawies v Crystal Paleco, Solent Stars v
Bradon Topocals: Third division: Camberley
Eggles v Sheffield Forgers; Liverpool Atac v
Guldford.

Women: First davision: London Jets v
London YMCA: Mitton Keynes O Case v
Sheffield Hetters: Nottingriem Widcats v
Christiam Ladies. Second division:
Sionelatidge Amazones v South Fynestide

MENTS WATENNAL CUP: Preliminary

MEN'S NATIONAL CUP: Proliminary round: Swindon Sonics v Slevenege

ICE HOCKEY HEINEREN LEAGUE: Premier division: Brackrafi Bees v Durham Wasps, Humbersde Seetawis v Norwith and Peterborough Prates: Murrayfield Racert v Nortingnam Parthers: Writley Warrors v Caroff Devis.

First division: Lee Valley Lorns v Romford Raders, Medway Beers v Swindon Wildersts; Mitton Keytes Kings v Sheffield Steelers; Terlord Tigers v Stough Jeta. VOLLEYBALL

OTHER SPORT

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SPEEDWAY: Homeline League: First di-vision: Eastbourne v Avene Esser (3 30).

Second division: Knoclout dup: Finst, second leig: Rive House v Prestportugh (3.30). Individual: Pinde of the East (at King's Lynn) (7 00).

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NA HUNDE LEAGUE: Mem: First division: Coverity Piga v Weral Thermax, RAF Hamers v Manchester United; Dynamo London v Mallory Lewstam R. Whitefield Sportiset v Team Kinghts, Essex. Eszahlans v Radio Trexi Rockets. London Lyrix Man v Gates-head Amitage. Women: First division; Leeds v Sele; London Lyrix v Britanna Music (Heckney). MOTOR RALLYING: Midlands Rally (Tellord).

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ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL

TABLE TENINS: Yorkshire Three-Star tour-nament (Halifati) TENINS: Midfand Bank women's champ-onship (Brighton) The state of the s

Taylors: Heriford v Angabunans, Leichworth v Fullenans, Old Ekzabethans v Old Albanians; Old Verulamians v Grass-hoppers, Staines v Welwyn Third division north-east: Braintne v Basildon; Campion north-east: Brantres v Basildon: Campon v Brentwood. Cheinstord v Cartabrigan: Rochlord v Saffron Walden, Romford and Globa Park v Carvey Island. Woodbrudge Colchester Third division south-east: Brighton v Old Beccelamians. Crawley v Dichester, East Gmottead v Howe. Glangham Anch v Beckenham; Horsham v Dartfordamis: Touchdge Wells v Erth. Third division south-west: Guly's Hospital v Old Waldountians. Willbrook v Jersey. Old Tempured v Portsmouth: Old Wentbodomans v Eastleigh. Purtey v Winchester, Wartingham v Alton.

Emeruel v Portsmouth, Old Wimbledonians v Eastlagh, Purty v Winchester, Warlinghem v Allon SOUTH WEST: Courage Clubs Champlonship: First division: Bindam v Chellenham. Hieriley v Gordon League. Madernhead v Navbury; Pennyn v Reading: Sherbone v Salebury; Torquey v SI Mes. Second division: Aylesbury v Masson. Barnstagle v Combe Down. Old Culverharysams v Brutgwater: Stroud v Oxford. Taurilon v Clevedon; Windsor v Marlow Western Courties: Avonmouth v Devon and Comwell Police, Beleford v Dyyrook, Plymouth Cs v Oxford. Taurilon v Clevedon; Windsor v Marlow Western Courties: Avonmouth v Devon and Comwell Police, Beleford v Dyyrook, Plymouth Cs v Oxford. Taurilon v Glaucester Did Boys Southern Courties: Abbey v Grave. Becster v Oriney Racinell v Swenege and Waterism. Chopenham v Douchester. Slough v Bournemouth, Wimborne v Redingerssans Connwell and Devon: Bude v South Motion. Exist Santens v Salash. Liskend-Looe v Mybridge, Newquey Homets v Truo: Schrouth v Enymouth. Teginnouth v Hayle Gloucestershire and Somerset: Bristol Harlequins v Coney Hill Crencester v North Bristol. Old Sulkans v Old Padestars: Oldfield Old Boys v Old Padestars: Oldfield Old Boys v Old Padestars: Oldfield Old Boys: Beaconstield v Chillern. Chestern v Budelingham; Dritters v Whestern. Bude Sorset and Witshire: Bournerouth Poly v Swindon College: Devose v Northern v Marstedale, Stocknin Dritters v Whestern. Bude and Chon: Abrigdon v Marshedale, Stocknin Dritters v Whestern. Chestern v Budelingham; Dritters v Whestern, Chord Merathon v Waney; Pennainans v Marion Keynes
NORTH: Courage Clubs Championship: First division: Biradoud and Bingley v Widnes; Hull Ionians v Modesternugh; Urden v Hardenbook v Bradiord on Avon. Weynouth v Corstein v Britannipe v Halifac; First division: Biradoud v Wirns; Caldy v Deverport: Cockermouth v Sergley Park. Huddenshed v Old Cockermouth

Romoy Consulare v Workington, Neuretral Rochide: Old Addinisms v Old Salians, Rossendale v South Liverpool, Vegabonds v Withmstow, Warmiggion v Oldeshiew. Cumbria and Lancashire North: Calder Vale v Furness, Merbond: v Respect Vole v Sale Saliano, Chestrier and Lancashire South: Alsmicham Karsal v Leigh: Aspal v Sil Marys Old Boys: Eagle v Leigh: Aspal v Sil Marys Old Boys: Eagle v Leigh: Aspal v Sil Marys Old Boys: Eagle v Leigh: Aspal v Sil Marys Old Boys: Eagle v Rusian Peric Liverpool Collegiato v Douglash: Peric Liverpool Collegiato v Douglash: Peric Liverpool Collegiato v Douglash: Rist division: Blaydon v Bridington; Bramley v Navocastriers; Keighley v Porueficat: Redicar v Morpeth: Selby v Roundhepisms. Thomensians v Old Brodleisms Second division: Ashmoton v Doncaster Bishop Auckland v Hull: Blyth v Driffedt; Cleichreaton v Rippon, Horden v Adklant: Westoe v Rotchilf. Durham and Northumberland: First division: Consett v Darlington, Guisborough v Derlington RA, Hartlegool v Whitby, Seaherm v Sunderland. Segriff v Mowden Park West Hartlepool TOS Old Boys v Parey Park.

MIDLANDS: Courage Clabs Champ-

TDS Old Boys v Parcy Peth.

MEDLANDS: Courage Clubs Chemplonship: First division: Barkers Bulls v Darby, Bedworth v Mansfield; Camp Hill Burmingham Solinuli; Parions v Leighton Buzzeri: Syston v Newark: Vipers Westleigh: Wolverhampton v Lnamington. Second division: Beddord Alhelier v Neresley; Bogleswade v Burton; Stathord Peterborough; Whitchurch v Moderns; Worceser v Mellock: First division east: Amber Valley v Dronfield. Ampthill v Chesterfield: Spaking v Sourthorpe. Stewarts and Lloyds v Mellish: Stoneygate v Litton; West Bindglord v Hinckley. Second division: Coalville v Lincoln, Gisssop v Rattering; Southwell v South Lelcoster, Stamford v Northampton Boys! Brigade; Weffingborough v Lutterworth, Worksop v Long Buckoy. First division west: NOWWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Pre-mier division: Behop's Spriford v Fed-bridge and Blord; Bury St. Edmunds v Brodooume, Colchester v Ipswich, Dereham v Wisbech, Lition v Crostyc, Norwich Cay v Ford; Peticaris v Blueharis, Petestorough Town v Cambridge Univer-sity; West Herts v Westoliff

Bromsgrove v Ludlow, Dudley v Leek: Old Longtonens v Old Learningtonens. Old Yardielans v Old Helesonens; Sution Coldfield v Newpastie (Suffs), Willenhal v Newbold. East Midlands and Leioester: Aylestone St James v Old Boeworthians, Humangdon v Marker Bosworth: Loughborough v Northampton Men's Own; St Nes v Oadby Wygestoniens. St Neus v Brackley. Notis, Lincs and Derby-Ashbourne v Long Eafon; Balewell Mannerians v Notinghemshire Cons, Keyworth v Illesson, Nottinghem Consule v Grimsby; Steatord v East Retford. North Middlands: Bridgoorth v Neuport; Evestern v Lucconians, Ross-on-Wile v Paddition, Tellions v Bershors; Vesyvans v Old Griffinans; Brass-on-Wile v Reddition, Tellions v Bershors; Vesteyans v Old Griffinans; Brass-on-Wile v GEC Overtry, Trenthen v Old Wheatleyans; Timity Guild v Old Coventians, Utboseler v Menor Park, Wednesbury v Linky

RUGBY LEAGUE World Cup Great Britain v Australia (at Wembley, 2.45) ......

HOCKEY

PIZZA BOPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Frebrands v Hourslow (Longwood, Resiol, 200), Second division: Indian Gymkhana v Lyons (Feithern School, 2,00), Richmond v Brooklands (Teddington School 2 00).

(Logwood, Sissiol, 2.03). Second devision: Indian Gymkharia v Lyons (Fettham School, 2.00). Richmond v Brooklands (Teddington School 2.00).

ERNST AND YOUNG NORTH PREMITER LEAGUE: First division: Adertey Edge v Durham Untwersty. Formby v Tumperley; Sheffield v Hightown Northern, Walzefield v Ben Frydding; York v Norton: Second division: Blackburn v Wigen: Bowdon v Disley; Knutsford v Southport; Preston v Heblax: Ramgarhia v Harrogate: Sheffield Berhars v Liverpoot Selhon; Springhetids v Stockton: Swaheelt v Sunderlend.

ERNST AND YOUNG MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premiter Idvision: Brognorift v Derby; Covernty and North Warwick v Leicester Westlegh, Hampton in Arden v Belper: Ahalsa v Edgbaston, Olton and West Warwick v Wordester Norton.

SUN LIFE WEST LEAGUE: Premiter division: Bristo v Marthorough; Clevedon v Yoovil, Phymouth v West Gloucester v Herstord: Westbury Berks v East Devon.

PERONI SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier League & Anchortains v Worthing; Ashford v Wirmbledon; Blackheeth v Old Wingtberns; Eestcole v Hampstead and Westminster, Masderhead v High Wycombe; Old Tauritonans v Livoyts Berk.

Odord Hawis v Stanes; Ramgarhia v Tutse Hill. Weybridge Hawis v Bournerouth. League B: City of Ponsmouth v Oddrd Liniversity, Dulwich v Martien Russels; Farngarhia v Spencer; Gone Court v Old Williamsoniers. London University v Old Bordeniem: Purey v Wolding; Tumbridge Wells v Beckenhann, Winchester v Chichester; Woldingham v Cheam Regionals: Hampsine and Sumey: Andower v Merpolias: Hampsine and Sumey: Andower v Merpolias: Hampsine and Sumey: Andower v Merpolias: League B: City of Ponsmouth v Oddrd Hampsoniers. Lenchury v Odded; Merton v Horsham, Gravesond v Sevenosiss; Leaes v Greenwich; Medand Bank v Herne Bay, Mid-Sussex, v Eastpourne; Old Holcombeans v Old Beccenamans, Tharnes Poly v Crownorsoup; Tonbridge v Hochombeans v Old Beccenamans, Lendon v Hindideseer, Berkshrie, Bucks and Oxon: Amersham v Sourigate Ader City of Oxond v Sunbury; Gerards Cross v NPI; Harrow v Renzelmel; Hayes v Morts Motors: Hendon v Windsor; Merlor v Hor

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Pre

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WOMEN'S TOUR MATCH: England XI v
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SOUTH WALES WOMEN'S LEAGUE:
BSC v Cardiff Altheric: Cumbran v Pernarit:
Cumplane v Swansea; Porticiaet v Nawport.
CLUB MATCHES: Anchoriant v Blackteetth. Bedevheetth v Hampeleach heeth. Bedeyheath v Hampstead, Blushens v Egling A: Bracknell v Cition: Bradford v Springfelds. Cheimstord Cambridge City, Cheimstord A v Redbridge; Colwall v Aldridge, Evrnouth v Redland, Larisdown v Chetterham, Lacester v Ipswich: Reading v Dulwich: SI Albaris v Hørleston M: Sheffield v Loughborough; Sherwood v Walkefield; Southgate v Old Loughtonians; Trojens v Wolung; Yate v Pickwok.

BASKETBALL BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Merr: First division: Guidford Kings v Cheshire Jets; Hernel Hempstead Royals v Derby Bucks; Oddharn Celbox v London Towers, Thannes Valley Tigers v Menchester Gearls, Worthing Bears v Birmingham Bullets: Second division: Bury Lobos v Cardiff, Coverthy Ryens v Ware Rebets: Lewtintam Lightwing v Donaster Pentiners, Pymouth Raiders v Barnsley Generals Third division: Mid-Suesex, Megic v Chiltern Fastioresk, Sedogfeld Racers v Swindon Sonics; South London Elephants v Stevenage Phoens; Women: First division; Chasham Ladies v Ipswitch, Thames Valley v Ritondda Second division: Cambrely Golden Eagle v Cardiff, Sunderland Ladies v Bredon Lady Topicals.

ICE HOCKEY ICE HOCKEY
HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division:
Bilingham Bombers v Cardif Devils;
Durham Wasps v Humbersde Seahawis;
File Flyers v Nortingham Panthers, Norwich and Peterborough Pivates v Whittey Warriors. Flast division: Ayr Bruns v Tellord Tigors; Basingstoke Baswers v Mitton Keynes Kings, Stough Jets v Sheffield Steelens; Swindon Wildcats v Lee Valley Lions.

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LEAGUE: Men: First division: Poloning
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Aquisi v Neveasile (Stafts) VC; Wesser v
Leack VC; Speathwell Rucanor v Team
Million Mellory Lewestern. Second division: Coverty Prog v Manchester United,
RAF Harriers v Wirral Thermax Dynamo
London V Team Knights; Whitefield Sponset v
Mellory Lewestern II; Essex Estorians v
Gasestheed Armasge; London Lync Men v
Radio Trent Rockets. Women: First division: Wessex, v Woolwich Briddon.
Ashoomie Dorling v Dynamo London
Second division: Birmengham Ladies v
Manchester United: Timebut Gloucester
City v Liverpool City Ladies, Dynamo
London II v Tsam Knights; Polonia Ladies v
Spark Jel Stateonery: Putbrook (Portsmouth) v Redio Trent Rockets. OTHER SPORT MOTOR RALLYING: Midlands Rally (Telford). (Pacifing).

SPEEDWAY: Homelire League: First division: Cradley Heath v Belle Vius (7.30)
Second division: Sioke v Rye House (7.30).

TABLE TENNIS: Yorkshire Three-Star lournament (Heliter). TENNIS: Midland Bank women's champ ronship (at Brighton). THE \* TYMES

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MOTOR RACING

## Mansell's pace too hot for Honda

FROM NORMAN HOWELL IN SUZUKA

NIGEL Mansell embarrassed the Honda engineers on their home soil yesterday when, in his Williams-Renault, he set the fastest time during first practice for the Japanese grand prix tomorrow.

Honda had promised a higher-powered V12 engine, specifically designed for the Suzuka circuit, but the McLarens were left trailing in Mansell's wake as the world champion lapped a second faster than Ayrton Senna.

Mansell, despue a spin on a track where he does not have the best memories, said: "It was a funny day. Lots of excitement, especially when I careered backwards into a wall at 140mph after losing my

line. Then I lost a bolt, causing the undertray to drop.

But he and his Williams team-mate, Riccardo Patrese, were faster than the others. "We had qualifying engines from Renault and we were aware that Honda would try something special," Mansell said. "But I must be a little jetlagged still; I didn't quite feel top of my form."

That cannot be encouraging for McLaren and their Japanese engine suppliers, particu-larly with the second McLaren driver, Gerhard Berger, three seconds off the pace.

Mansell may have an uneasy relationship with Suzuka - he crashed and hurt his back in 1987 and, last year,

SSION: 1, N mth 37.360sec (moh); 2, R mth 38.275; 4, G mth 38.27 HIST PRACTICE SESSION: 1, N lensell (69), Williams, I min 37,300 soc average speed 134,731 moh); 2, R abrase (11), Williams, 1,38,278; 3, R erna (67), McLaren, 1,38,375; 4, G lerger (Austria), McLaren, 1,40,296; 1 Schumacher (6er), Benetton, 40,922; 6, J Herbert (68), Lotus, 41,030; 7, M Heiddnen (Fin), Lotus, 41,1415; 8, E Comas (Fr), Ligher, 42,187; 9, A de Cesaris (ft), Tyrrell, 42,361. 10. T Boutsen (Bel), Ligher, 1:42.428; 11, N Larini (it), Ferrari, 1:42.637; 13, M Erundi (68), Misrardi, 1:42.637; 13, M Erundi (68), Benetton, 1:42.626; 14, G Morbidelli (it), Misrardi, 1:42.627; 15, J Alest (Fr), Ferrari, 1:42.824; 16, A Suzuló (Japan), Footwork, 1:43.129; 17, S Moderna (it), Jordan, 1:43.137; 18, B Gachot (fr), Versturi, 1:43.15; 19, P Martini (it), Dellara, 1:43.251; 20, U Katayarna (Japan), Venturi, 1:43.488;

11; 9, Abdreso, c; 10, de Cessara, c; 1. Cornes, 4; equal 12; K Wandinger (Austria), Merch, and I Cepelli (B), Fenrari, 3; equal 14, Maxtini and Herbert, 2; 16, Gachot, 1. Constructors: 1, Williams, 154; 2, McLaren, 83; 3, Benellon, 77; 4, Ferrari, 16; 5, Lotis, 13; 6, Footwork, 6; 7, Tymell, 5; 8, Ligier, 4; 9, March, 3; 10, Dellara, 2; 11, Venturi, 1. The other problem involves Frank Williams, who has promised to give the Ligier team technical assistance if it REMARKING GRANDS PRIX: Tomorrow: Japanese (Suzuka). Nov 8: Australian (Adeleide). does not sell its Renault engine contract to McLaren.

## Smith's slam just grand for Braves



IN TORONTO

LONNIE Smith, of the Atlanta Braves, laid a ghost to rest here on Thursday night with a grand slam home run that put the fifth game beyond the reach of the Toronto Blue Jays and sent the basebail World Series back to Atlanta.

Toronto lead the best-of-seven series 3-2 but their 7-2 defeat in the SkyDome denied them the chance of winning the championship before their supporters. Toronto city offici-als had to hastily scrap well-advanced plans for a ticker-tape

parade down Yonge Street. Smith's fifth inning blow, with the bases loaded, sent the ball 340 feet over the right-field fence, taking with it some beavy emotional baggage. Last year, in the the seventh game of the World Series against the Minnesota Twins, Smith made a base-running error that cost the Braves the championship. He had been haunted by that

blunder and it threatened to cast a shadow over a career that has taken Smith to the World Series five times with four different teams in 12 years. His latest feat puts him in the record book for happier reasons. His was the first grand slam to be hit in a World Series by a designated hitter and only the sixteenth in

the 89 years of the championship. With that blow, Smith also re-versed several World Series trends. First and foremost, it ended his own poor form. In his ten previous atbats, he had managed one hit and one run batted in, a dismal performance from a frontline batter.

His home run broke the team's string of away defeats in the World Series: Atlanta had lost six in a row going back to last year. It also made

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and it ended the bad luck of John Smoltz, the starter who had pitched brilliantly three times this year and last without getting a win.

There was an element of revenge, too. Last year, Jack Morris, opposing Smoltz, pitched Minnesota to victory; this time, playing for Toronto, he was routed

Morris was in trouble from his first pitch. Nixon doubled down the left-field line and then scored when Pendleton doubled down the right. Toronto pulled that back in the second inning when Borders brought home Olerud, but they fell 2-1 behind in the fourth when Justice homered into left field.

The combination of Borders and Olerud put Toronto on terms again but that was the Blue Jays' last hurrah. In the fifth, with two out, Nixon and then Sanders singled Pendleton scored Nixon with another double. Morris deliberately walked Justice, loading the bases and bringing Smith to the plate.

Morris was clearly titing and Smith fouled off pitch after patch until he found one he fixed. "I have never done very well against Jack, so it was very exciting for me," Smith said. "He threw me a high fastball and I knew I had to go for it. I thought I hit it pretty well but, by the time I got to second base, I knew I had finally made a contribution."

His next contribution will be required tonight at Atlanta-Pulton County Stadium, where the Braves must win to take the series to a

RACING: STRENGTH OF YEN HIGHLIGHTED WITH DOUBLE PURCHASE OF CLASSIC WINNERS

his title ambitions ended in

the trackside sand traps - but

life is proving to be good for

Seca in California getting

used to the surroundings that will become familiar when he

drives on the Indy Car circuit

Of his first Indy Car race, he

said: "The atmosphere was

fantastic, the best I have

experienced in all my years of racing. Indy is the closest you will get to Formula One. The

cars are bigger and heavier and they seem a little easier to

drive. But I think that it will be

tough mentally as there seems

to be more overtaking."
While Mansell can think ahead, Ron Dennis, the

McLaren team owner, is fran-

tically trying to secure the Renault engine deal that

would enable him to hang on

to Senna and give Williams a

run for their money in 1993. There are two sticking

points. One concerns Elf, the

French petrochemical com-

pany, which will not allow a

Renault engine to be fuelled

and lubricated by Shell, with

whom Dennis has a three-year

next season.

Last week, he was at Laguna

the Englishman at present.

## Prosperous Japan leads Sought Out to hold way with buoyant market

By Michael Seely

Balding: dilemma

THE sales this week of Rodrigo De Triano and Dr Devious to Japan for a total of \$12 million have dramatically highlighted the prosperity of the state-owned racing industry there compared with the rest of the world.

Discussing the first sale of two classic winners to Japan at careers, Bob McCreery, the well-known breeder, said: "Previously they have tended to buy already used Derby winners, like Dancing Brave. But now they've got the only buoyant market in the world.

'Apart from Japan, there is no where else to sell a horse properly. They can fill their stallions and the breeders of yearlings can make money by selling them."

The sharp fall in stallion nominations and values in the past six years is one of the principal reasons for the new Japanese willingness to buy the top horses. For example, Dancing Brave, valued at £15 million in 1987, was sold to Japan for £3 million last year.

Zenya Yoshida, the purchas-er of Dr Devious, has been an influential breeder for a long time. He imported Northern Taste, the Northern Dancer stallion, who has been leading sire in Japan seven times. He also owns Kooyonga and

James Wigan, managing

1.45 Shadow Bird, 2.20 Royal Saxon, 2.50 Mertha's Son, 3.25 Ameri King, 4.00 Bardesen, 4.30 Pry's

1.45 Shake Town. 2.20 Tompet. 2.50 Martha's Son. 3.25 Amari King. 4.00 Notary-Nowell. 4.30 btor.

9-4 Stele Town, 4-1 Stadow Bird, 11-2 Threshfield, 8-1 Lackendara, 10-1 Hearts Are Wild, 12-1 Clear Idea, Mickey Goodman, 20-1 others.

15-8 Royal Saron, 11-4 Tompat, 7-2 Overbercovertiere, 8-1 Red Amber, 10-1 Janeiro, 20-1 Ludy's Day, 25-1 Denribo, Termingion, 58-1 Chet A-Loren.

Brandeston limbered up for the Mackeson

Gold Cup with a three and a half length win

over Guibum's Nephew at Newbury yesterday. That will put him spot-on for the Mackeson,

erdy Murphy, his trainer, said.

2.20 HEIDELBERG NOVICES CHASE

(£2,388: 3m) (9)

RICHARD EVANS: 2.50 Martha's Son.

1.45 HERKEL HOVICES HURDLE

(£1,736: 2m 110yd) (16 runners)

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past 15 years Britain has become the centre of the director of London Thoroughbred Services, who arranged the Rodrigo De Triano deal racing industry. That's what on behalf of the Japan Racing may be changing," added

Wigan. Meantime, Rodrigo De Association, explained the comparative lack of competi-Triano and Dr Devious retion world-wide for both horses. "They would have been main on target for their engagements in Florida, the popular in England and Ire-Breeders' Cup Classic and the land, but the industries in both Turf, for which they are countries are in a terrible state.

have experienced an even tively with Ladbrokes. Still on the Gulfstream Park worse slump than ours, have plenty of top-class stallions of front, Andre Fabre is to decide today whether to run Jolypha their own and just wouldn't in the Classic or the Turf. have been interested. In itself, the loss of two We're going to work her on the dirt tomorrow morning," said the champion French trainer about the filly who stallions to Japan is not of world-shaking significance. But the long-term implications are alarming. "In the encountered so much trouble in running before finishing

eighth in the Arc. "If she acts on it all right, we'll probably go for the Classic," Fabre said.

At Doncaster yesterday, Morley Street put up a highclass performance when winning the Doncaster Writers' Stakes. Ridden by John Williams, the eight-year-old sprinted clear in the last furlong for an easy victory.

Toby Balding now has to decide whether Morley Street will attempt to become the only horse apart from Comedy Of Errors to regain his hurdling crown after being defeated or whether to switch the gelding's attention to fences.

# strong British raid

THERE is a strong British ond behind Mr Brooks in the challenge for the group one Prix Royal-Oak (French St Leger) at Longchamp tomorrow (Our French Racing Correspondent writes).

Witness Box, Always Friendly, Assessor and the Henry Cecil pair of Allegan and Balmbarbi chase the £41,111 first prize in a field of

Ivyanna runs for Ireland and Sheikh Dancer is a con-

The invaders have it all to do to thwart Sought Out, the all-the way winner of the Prix du Cadran on Arc weekend. Dadarissime and Jamshid, first and second in front of Assessor in the Prix de Lutece, are other French stayers who

will make a bold attempt to keep the prize at home. Keen Hunter, a good sec-

Prix de l'Abbaye at Longchamp, should not be hard pressed to go one better in the group three Prix du Petit-Couvert.

There is also a strong British challenge for the Gran Criterium at San Siro, Milan, tomorrow, with six raiders vying for the group one honours in a field of 15.

Arman's Sax, Icy South, Lindon Lime, Rain Brother, Right Win and Ventiquattrofogli should between them bring back a large slice of the

The John Dunlop duo of Arman's Sax and Ventiquattrofogli have already won races in Italy, but Lindon Lime, sixth behind Tenby in the Grand Criterium, should prevail in this less exacting company.

## Prime minister to be questioned on VAT

THE prime minister is to be questioned in the Commons on the potentially disastrous effects of the government's VAT policy on Britain's bloodstock industry (Richard Evans

Alf Morris, Labour MP for Manchester, Wythenshawe, has asked John Major if his publicly stated policy of "putting Britain first" applies to domestic breeders.

In a second parliamentary question, tabled for priority answer on Monday, Morris has also asked Major if he will institute an inter-departmen-tal review in Whitehall to redress the different VAT rates for bloodstock - 17.5 per cent in Britain compared to only 2.7 per cent in Ireland and 5.5 per cent in France.

Morris, an MP for 28 years, said yesterday: "If the prime minister is putting Britain first this should affect a VAT policy which, in the view of people all over Britain, leaves the British bloodstock industry second or third.

The effects of VAT policy on bloodstock can be seen aiready. It is not a question of forecasting what may happen. The damage is there for everyone to see."
"If you breed a horse and

want to sell it as a yearling any person with ordinary intelligence would see that it makes sense to go to Ireland or France rather than sell it

"That strikes me as a blatant case of British breeders being at a disadvantage."

2.00 Jack The Hiller. 2.30 Brora Rose. 3.00 Forest Sun. 3.30 Abbot Of Furness. 4.00 Bayard Bay, 4.30 Lake Teereen. 5.00 Kelling. THUNDERER

2.00 Touching Star. 2.30 Brora Rose. 3.00 Fort Noel. 3.30 Eastern Magic. 4.00 Southern Minstrel. 4.30 Killula King. 5.00 Visaga.

RICHARD EVANS: BARTON BANK (nep)

## 2.00 THREE COUNTIES CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,145: 2m) (10 runners)

| INPLAND | CHARSE (122, 145; 201) (10 FINITIONS) | IRP. NORTHERN JINIS 199 (16.5) R Dictio 9-11-19 | D Minuschi 38-5 MORKY MSTAKE 14 (N.D.F.G.) R Dictio 9-11-14 | T Day (3) | 21-1 TOUCHME STAR 1537 (0.D.F.G.) P Hobs 7-11-3 | M Hamilton 78-5 PTINY 147 (D.G.S.) B PROS 10-146 | D Londy FOP- 105 ALL VERY FIRE 199 (D.F.G.S.) J Parent 11-10-4 D Indiquenter 58-R SAM OR (2012 26 (0.E.F.) A Tamel 3-10-3 | D Foot (4) -341 JACK THE HINER 18 (0.F.S.) B Bins 9-10-0 | V Shiftiny 6-4-4 WAIL S (0.D.F.G.) Colsion 9-10-0 | V Shiftiny 6-4-4 WAIL DAW (2012 173 (5) IN Condit 0.10-0 | A Finenting (5) | 125- PSPE BAZILE 160 (D.F.G.) P Richarks 5-10-0 | M A Finenting (5) | 125- PSPE BAZILE 160 (D.F.G.) P Richarks 5-10-0 | M A Finenting (5) | 125- PSPE BAZILE 160 (D.F.G.) P Richarks 5-10-0 | M A Finenting (5) | 125- PSPE BAZILE 160 (D.F.G.) P Richarks 5-10-0 | M A Finenting (5) | 125- PSPE BAZILE 160 (D.F.G.) P Richarks 5-10-0 | M A Finenting (5) | 125- PSPE BAZILE 160 (D.F.G.) P Richarks 5-10-0 | M A Finenting (5) | 125- PSPE BAZILE 160 (D.F.G.) P Richarks 5-10-0 | M A Finenting (5) | 125- PSPE BAZILE 160 (D.F.G.) P RICharks 5-10-0 | M A Finenting (5) | 125- PSPE BAZILE 160 (D.F.G.) P RICharks 5-10-0 | M A Finenting (5) | 125- PSPE BAZILE 160 (D.F.G.) P RICharks 5-10-0 | M A Finenting (5) | 125- PSPE BAZILE 160 (D.F.G.) P RICharks 5-10-0 | M A Finenting (5) | 125- PSPE BAZILE 160 (D.F.G.) P RICharks 5-10-0 | M A Finenting (5) | 125- PSPE BAZILE 160 (D.F.G.) P RICharks 5-10-0 | M A Finenting (5) | 125- PSPE BAZILE 160 (D.F.G.) P RICharks 5-10-0 | M A Finenting (5) | 125- PSPE BAZILE 160 (D.F.G.) P RICharks 5-10-0 | M A Finenting (5) | 125- PSPE BAZILE 160 (D.F.G.) P RICHARS 160 (D.F.G.) P RICHARS

Pere Bazille, 10-1 WHT's Bountry, 12-1 Pility, Salior Blue, 16-1 others

#### 2.30 RUSHWICK SELLING HURDLE (£1,763: 2m) (21)



3.00 FRED RIMELL MEMORIAL NOVICES CHASE (Div I: £3,262: 2m 4f 110vd) (11)

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRANSPRS: 0 Sherwood, 17 minutes from 57 respons, 29.5%; A Tamult, 6 from 24, 25.0%; P Evens, 3 from 15, 20.0%; F Forstor, 15 from 76, 18.4%; D Bargos, 12 from 72, 16.7%; JOCKEYS: M Hoerigan, 4 wheens from 10 rides, 40,0%; N Douglay, 3 from 10, 30,0%; Disse (Jay, 4 from 18, 25,0%; R Desendoy, 31 from 199, 15,0%; N Hawke, 5 from 32, 15,0%; Peter Hobbs; 10 from 67, 14,9%.

## 3.30 BILLY LOVE MEMORIAL HANDICAN

5-1 Abbot Of Formers, 6-1 La Raphille, Schwapper Traic, Thea Gold, 7-1 Hoc punite, 8-1 Marandi Special, 10-1 Solden Gueser, Sarund, 12-1 others.

## 4.00 ASTON VILLA HAMBICAP CHASE (E3,174: 2m 4f 110yd) (9)

## 4.30 FRED RIMELL MEMORIAL MOVICES CHASE

(Div II: £3,236: 2m 4f 110yd) (11) 

## 5-2 (Clinic King, 7-2 Belstone For, 5-1 Seeth Flywest, 5-1 Late Toosen, 8-1 Mr Demonso, Hoon So Wise, 12-1 The Antipodeso, 16-1 Social Climber, 25-1 cliens.

## Doncaster

2-1 Pearots Pet, 5-2 Energe-H, 11-4 Arrani King, 9-2 Greenbeart, 9-1 Renagoun. Going: good to firm; good after 3.00. Going: good to firm; good after 3.00.

1.00 (7) 1. DAHYAH (Pat Eddery, 11-10 far, Our Neemanked Comespondent's nap & Private Hankbappens's top ratingt; 2. Field Of Start (R Cochrane, 8-1); 3. Majority (S Cauthen, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 9 Shroviz (8th), 16 Nassams (4th), 20 Custens Const. 2.5 Royal Executive, 33 Shrinty Rose (5th), North Call. 50 Follingworth Girl, Ever So Lyrical, Poppyland, 100 Cavaller Princa. 13 ran. NR: Smith N'Alan. NK: 3, 294, 3, 44. M Shoute at Newmerlant, Total: 2002 £1.30, 22.10, £1.50. DF: £4.20. CSF: £11.25. Irmin 29,73866. 2 DORT RUCK 21 J Upon 5-10-12 49-2 KILLULA CHEF 22 T Tale 5-10-12 -349 ROYAL PROGRESS 7 6 Bravey 8-10-12

Imin 28.73860.

1.30 (7) 1. TAKENHALL (F Norton, 12-1);
2. Hob Green (J Wesser, 11-10 tov); 3.
Super Benz (J Farming, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Native Chiefsan (Rh), 10 Crystal Heights, 12 Emesten (Str), Ler Cru, Dorset Dute, Gabbiadin, 20 Furtella (Str), 25 Pesidanamich, 33 Parialt Amour, 50 Allegarennie, 13 zn. NR: Spencer's Revenge, Sir Arthur Hobbs, 194, 34, 14, 194, 21 M Fetherston-Godiley at East Reley. Total: E1290; E250, £150, £720. DF: £180, £720. DF: £180, £730. CSF: £2525. Tricast: £219.37. 1min 29.1788c. 11-8 Killula Chief, 5-2 Bardesso, 5-1 Notary-Howell, 8-1 Dea'l Back, 10-1 others.

## 4.30 PEUGEOT HANDICAP CHASE

2.50 TEROSON HANDICAP HURBLE

1 72-1 SARD-DOLLAR 9 (D.F.6) J OM 9-11-10 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 29-1 MARTINA'S SON 12 (D.F.6) T Forsite 5-11-2 \_\_\_\_ 3 1-42 CARENCY 3 (D.6) M Tompilion 4-11-2 \_\_\_\_ 4 -510 MOS WALLAM 25 (ZD.F.) S SARbing 7-10-6 \_\_\_\_ 5 3-1P ULLSWATER 56 (CD.F.5) A Red 6-10-9 \_\_\_\_

6-4 Cartengy, 2-1 Martin's Son. 11-4 Sand-Collar, 15-2 others.

3.25 ROVER HANDICAP CHASE

4.00 FORD NOVICES HURDLE

(£2,356: 2m 110yd) (5)

1 101- APCTIC TEAL 186 (B.D.F.G.S) O Shermood B-11-10 M Pichards 2 2PFB- DURE'S WINSTLE 249 (F.S) D Nicholson 9-11-2 W Marston (S) 3 2PF- WHATS YOUR PROBLEM 184 (C.G.S) Mass H Kalpin 9-11-2 J Carbo 4 2U2- OMER AND ABONE 183 (D.F.G.S) N Headerson 10-11-1 5 315/1 WEST ENDER 15 (F.Q.S) J Jetheson 9-19-9 M D 6 211- DOR 284 (D.S.S) (C Nesh 8-19-5 C Lieu 7 - 113 PRYS-GOV 19 (BF.CD.S.F) (F Mesphy 9-10-3 — A No 7-2 Owr And Above, 4-1 West Ender, 9-2 Pry's-Joy, 5-1 box, 11-2 others.

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRANCES: Miss H Kolght, 4 winouss lean 16 rearness, 25%; J Cleant, 8 from 34, 23,5%; F Marginy, 15 leant 65, 23%; D Michalban, 11 learn 49, 22.4%; J Gillord, 17 learn 83, 20.5%; T forsier, 6 from 35, 17%, JCCNEYS: P Scandamont, 7 winouses from 28 dates, 25%; D Marginy, 17 leant 88, 19.1%; J Claborne, 6 leant 32, 18.6%; E Marginy, 4 from 22, 18.2%; J Ballion, 7 leant 41, 17.1%; A Margaire, 8 from 35, 17.1%.

## Going: good

43.36eec. No bid.
3.00 (2m 110yd) 1, MORLEY STREET ()
Williams, 85-40; 2, Jungle Dencer (Par Eddary, 11-8 tay); 3, Galstale (W Ayan, 9-0, Ak30 RANt 28 Boarding School (5th), 100 Cosmic Future (4th), 5 ran, 3 kl, hd, 20, 12, 6 Badding at Durchester, Fote: 23.40; 51.40, 51.50, DF: 54.10, CSF-55.19, 3min 45.53ec.

CS.19. 3min 45.53sec.
3.30 (fm 61 132yd) 1. SARIAWAT (K. Osrley, 6-1); 2. (Giveton Katbooz (A Munro, 4-1 tav); 3. Alquairamean (W Carson, 7-1). ALSO FAN: 9-2 Mrs Banton (Sri), 7 Ashasyed (491), Stapiston, 9 Good Harrid (601), 25 Signor Sassie, 33 Bold Ambilton, Baleat, Malenoir, 50 Policy's Pride, 12 ran. 1, 3, 3, 1 Mr., 1Mr. Mrs G. Reveley at Salbourn, Totar EL90; 22-20, 21-60, 21-90, DF: 212-90, CSF: 227, 14, Tricast E154-50, Trio: 225-30, 3min 9-29saec.
4,00 661, 1. WATHINK (R Hills, 5-1); 2 100: 253-30. Shift 9:2686.
4.00 (6) 1. WATHIK (R Hills, 5-1); 2. Specified (Pat Eddery, 1-2 tan); 3. Tylesyvor (P Robinson, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Colven (4th). 100 Sunnyview Lad (6th). 5 ran. 1, shift, 254, 4. H. Homson, Longe at Newmarket. Tole: £5.60; £1.60, £1.10. DF: £1.50. CSF: £7.77. Inth 15.65ec.

E1.50. CSF: £7.77. Imin 15.65sec.
4.30 (Imi) 1, AMAZENG FEAT (K.Darley, 94.tav); 2, Buzzards Bellbuoy (J. Curim, 161); 3, Morsun (Paul Eddery, 12-1); 4, Singers Image (J. Williams, 20-1); ALSO RAN's Habeas, 12 Disco, M. Tale, Gong, Ballymoneyboy, 16 Leap in The Dark (Sth), Great Lord (Rift), Lord Welerme, Kallo, 20 Regent Lad, Birthday's (Tritt, Boursin, 33 May Hills Legacy, Media Messanger, Wild Prospect, Cashisal Dazzler, 20 ran, 11, 1141, hd, nk, nk, Mrs G. Reveley at Salbum, Tote: \$2,70; £1,50, £5,20, £1,50, £4,60, DF: £38,70. CSF: £40,31, Tricast: £356,50.

## Newbury

Congr. good 2.10 (Am 10 of bole) 1. EMERALO SUNSET (D Geltagher, 25-1); 2. Magdair Minx (G McCourt, 9-2); 3. Top Jesselin (R Greene, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav The Dernon Barber (Sin), 4 Ketti (4th), 6 Casels Statement (6th), 6 ran. 1, hd, 7, 20, 25. A Davison at Caterhern. Totar. 228.80; ES.00, CSF. ETIS.03.

2280, 2300, 2130, 2140, 2280, 2300, 2310,

Loeningdele (ou), 6 rsn. 314, 30, 4, N Henderson at Lambourn, 7ote: 92.10; \$1.50, \$2.70, DF: \$14.90, CSF: \$14.84 ELSO, 22.70. DF: £14.90. CSF: £14.94.
4.40 (2m 110yd hdie) 1, MIGHTY MOGUL.
(R) Durwoody, 15-8 law, Mendarh 8, Richard Esené's nap); 2, Kaytak (M Aham, 8-11; 3, Sulf Bay (A Maguia; 16-1).
ALSO RAN: 4 Barge Boy (4th), 9-2 Chebid.
Copse (pu), 11-2 Sartorius, 16-1 Jesseu.
(5th), 33 Ask Moss (9th), 8 ran. 254, 61, 21, 12, 81. D Notolson at Temple Guiding.
Toke: £2.80; £1.50; £2.30, £2.70. DF: £15.90. CSF: £15.76. Tricest: £164.52.

Placepot: £187.50 Jackpot: not won (pool of £10,615.92 carned forward to Newbury today) Going: good

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2.15 (2m 3f indie)1, Placid Lad (M Lynch (20-1); 2, Sendiard Springs (5-2); 3, Mesty (7-4 tag.) 16 ran. NPt Blasket Hero. 5, 251, Webber. Toks: £18.20; £3.10. £1.90, £1.90. £7.2640. CSF-£66.59.
2.45 (2m 3f 110/d hole) 1, Brigdins (N Williamson 9-1); 2, Albury Grey (25-1); 3, Romoto Mignaty (9-2), Bright Sapphire 7-2 lav. 13 ran. 4, 21. J Bradley. Toks: £2.60. £2.90. £2.90. £3.70. DF: £479.20. CSF-£94.14. Triceat: £1.674.45.
3.15 (3m 1f 110/d ch) 1, Werleggen (8 Surney 7-2); 2, Sooner SSE (3-1); 3, Ressare (16-6 fay), 5 ran. 48, 23, G Hern. Toks: £4.90. £2.20. £1.70. DF: £11.20. CSF-£13.15.
3.45 (2m ch) 1 Carbonste (8 Powel 8-1);

E1.30, E2.40, £2.80. DF: £14.20, CSF: £13.15. Titcast: £195.29. Tric: £40.70. 23.40 (2m 110)/d hdiel: 1, STAUNCH PRIEND (S Smith Eccles, 8-11 tay; 2, Diemond Cut (P Scudernore, 5-2); 3, St Petrick's Cery (S McMeill, 40-1). ALSO RAY: 100-30 None So Brave (4th). 4 ran. NR: Dute Of Moremouth. 12, 23, 151 M Tompkins at Newmeriset. Tote: £1.70. DF: £2.00. CSF: £283. 4.10 (2m 1f ch) 1, TRAVADO (R Durwoody, 5-4 tay); 2, What's in Orbis (A Maguire, 14-1); 3, Champagne Lad (D Marphy, 5-1). ALSO RAY: 4 Ashibid Copes (1), \$5.92 Gustin (4th), 32

## Going: good

2.25 (3m 1f ct) 1, Deming Valley (3 Upton, 10-1): 2, Celic. Prince (13-8 fav): 3, Ramatoca (16-1), 3 ran. NRT-Chernels Gels. 8, 8, A. Jones, Tote: 1510.20; \$1.20, \$1.50, \$2.80. DP: \$30.50. CSP: \$25.02 3.25 (2m 3f hole) 1, Little Big (A Carroll Byene tay); 2, Patmer (7-2; 3, Emerald Moon (16-1), 5 ran. 12, 30l, C Broad. Tota: 21.90; £1, 10, £2.10, DF: \$2.20, CSF: £4.58. 2.150, 2.1, 10, 12-10, 10-12-220, CSF: 24.56.
2.355, Can. 11 110yd. ch) 1, Presiline Finishing (J. R. Kasenegh, 3-1); 2, Leite Mission (100-30); 3, Springholm (3-1), The Reviews of 11-4 ise. 5 ran. NR: Saite County, Court Repier. 10, 10, N. Handerson. Toler 24.80; 21.50, 21.80. DF: 27.60. CSF: 211.48.
4.25 (2m 31 kdle) 1, Ballystate (G. Upton. 5-2 ke); 2, Pyling Speed (7-2); 3, Brave Star (5-1), 7 ma. Nk, 20, C. James. Toler 23.70; 21.59, 25.00. DF: 29.70. CSF: 211.70.
Placement 204.00.

29.17sec.
2.00 (71) 1. PAMZIG (1 Cuinn, 3-1 lav); 2. Taipiz (W Carson, 5-1); 3, Wastern (6 Raymond, 5-1), ALSO RAN: 11-2 Najaran, 8 Chatoyant, 10 Sarah Heights, Madasadi, 16 Begant Ellie, 20 Brayovski (4th), Darcos With Gold, 33 Can Can Charlie (6th), Restaint, Barton Royal, 50 Solomon's Dancer (8th), 14 ran. 11, 3t, sh Ind, 61, 314. B Hills at Lambourn, Tole: 94.40, 51.50, 52.00, 52.30. DF: 53.70. CSF: 518.73. Imin 28.68spc.
2.30 (1m) 1. REASONS POR LOVE (Par

2.30 (Im) 1, REASONS FOR LOVE (Pat Eddery, 17-2); 2, Ann Hill (A Ganth, 12-1); 3, Kaswah (B. Bardwell, 25-1); 4, Brackenthreatis (Alex Greaves, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 tax Sea Exhibition (5th), 6 Palacegate Surset, 7 Girl Next Door, Trepidation, 10 Honorary Guest, 11

11-4 Based Bay, 4-1 Black Hussey, Spine Cleas, 11-2 Piccider, 7-1 Student Mantet, 8-1 Brief Encounter, Cherylaina, 19-1 Stennygry, 33-1 Polecoft.

5.00 INICHERROW NOVICES HURDLE

CSF: £12.37. Tricast: £30.29. 5.15 (2m 1f flat) 1, Harlin (R Ferrant, 4-1); 2, Pede Gale (25-1); 3, Trunder (12-1); Konvekta King. 6-11 far. 17 ran. 2, 5. T Forster. Tole: £9.96; £3.10, £7.80, £1.40. DF: £383.80. CSF: £101.65. Placepot: £39.00

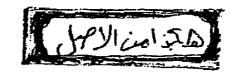
Going: good
1.55 (2m 1f 110)(c) incle) 1, Feaux Pavillon (M A Fizzperald, 5-4 lay); 2, Salar's Spirit (11-1); 3, Last Coaclesr (10-1), 7 ran. 6, 2. May J Rether, Totes et 190; 5-1, 10, 23.00. DF-56.80. CSF-£13.98.
2.25 (2m 1f 110)(d incle) 1, Copy Lans (Lorrel Viscost), 7-2); 2, Winter Lightning (4-1); 3, Ed. (10-11 lay), 10 ran. 4, 101. M Channon, Tota: 24.10; 51.30, £1.10, £1.40. DF: \$4.80. CSF: £17.26.

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Pacapot 228.20

Staunch Friend earned a

16-1 quote for the Champion Newbury yesterday



## Promising Armiger to take starring role at Doncaster

HENRY Cecil has trained the winner of the Racing Post Trophy, in its various guises, an unprecedented eight times

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At Doncaster today, I expect him to win it again with Armiger, who has the scope to prove an able deputy for his owner-breeder Khaled Abdulla's other unbeaten colt,

Tenby.
Unlike Tenby, who has won at Goodwood, Newbury and Longchamp, Armiger has been seen only the once. That was at Newmarket last

month when he created a favourable impression in beating the subsequent Dewhurst Stakes seventh, Zind, by threeand-a-half lengths.

In theory, that bare line through Zind would have seen Armiger vying for second place in the Dewhurst Also, I am led to believe that he has progressed since his debut.

At Newmarket he devoured the ground with an awesome stride, making virtually all the nunning over a mile, the distance of today's race. Ridden again like that by

Pat Eddery, he will prove difficult to peg back up Doncaster's long straight. Desert Secret and Marillette are the two that Eddery fears

the most, and with good He landed the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot on the former, whom he describes as being really tough, while he also won

MANDARIN

1.40 Deprecator.

2.40 Everglades.

3.10 Mirrique.

3.45 Armiger.

GOING: GOOD

4.15 Stepanov.

SLIGHT ADVANTAGE

2.10 Diamond Wedding.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.45 Desert Secret.

and Surprise Offer should go in the Doncaster Stakes following their bold showing in MICHAEL PHILLIPS the Cornwallis Stakes at Ascot a fortnight ago. I doubt them

the May Hill Stakes over today's course and distance on

Eddery believes Marillette is a filly with flair. She got no sort of run on her latest outing at Longchamp where she contested the Prix Marcel Boussac In the circumstances she did well to finish close up in fifth place, only two lengths behind the winner.

Today, though, everything will need to go right for Marillette in the straight if she is to threaten Armiger in the closing stages.

Ivanka, the other filly in the field, finished four lengths behind Marillette in the May Hill prior to winning the Fillies' Mile at Ascot.

Lester Piggott's attempt to win the day's most valuable prize for Peter Chapple-Hyam for the second Saturday in a row depends on Newton's Law, an easy winner at Salisbury last month.

However, Newton's Law was beaten comfortably by Fatherland in Ireland before that. As Fatherland could then finish only fifth in the Dewhurst, Newton's Law should not account for

Well as Roger The Butler

THUNDERER

3.10 Mimioue

4.15 Stepanov

3.45 Ivanka

GUIDE TO OUT PLACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 6000 TIMES 74 (CD.BF.F.G.S) (Mrs D Robinson) 8 Half 9-10-0 \_\_\_\_ B West (4) 88

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C — course wioner. D — distance winner. CD — The Times Private Handicapper's riding.

DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST; ROUND COURSE, LOW NUMBERS HAVE

2.10 Shirley's Train

1.40 Ruhr.

beating Stepanov. He became John Gosden's

100th winner of the season at

Catterick last Saturday when

he strolled home in facile style.

Being by Nureyev out of that brilliantly fast mare Sigy who won the Prix de L'Abbaye

as a two-year-old, Stepanov

certainly has the right pedi-

gree for today's job and it now looks as though he has the

Cecil: fine record in

(Group I: 2-Y-0: £104,396: 1m round) (10 runners)

DUD I: 2-Y-U: £104,396: 1m round) (10 rurners)

(4) 1 ARMBER 24 (D.6) (K.Rotute) H Coell 9-0 Pet Edday 95

(5) 52: DESERT SECRET 26 (D.5) (Mattourn Al Matricum) M Strate 9-0. W R Swimborn 96

(6) 61043 MUKHAMEDOV 14 (6) (D St.George) D Loder 9-0 C Asmassen 85

(7) 4201 MEWYTON'S LAW 24 (8) (R Sangase) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 L Program 89

(8) 21 REDBH-MAN 123 (P) (R Sangase) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 M Hits 86

(9) 21 REDBH-MAN 123 (P) (R Mattan) R Harmen 9-0 J K Ourley 65

(9) 420 ZMO 8 (F Kale) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 S Cauthon 90

(10) 420 ZMO 8 (F Kale) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 S Cauthon 90

(15) 1531 MARKLETTE 29 (20 MF.F.S) (Shalish Mattanmed) J Gordon 8-9 W Carson 98

(8) 5-2 Desert Secret 3-1 Armiger, 7-2 Martifate, 6-1 keste, 8-1 Retentum, 12-1 Zmd, 14-1 Newton's 1991: SEATT F Duvake 2-0 (Assert Mattan)

1991: SEATTLE RHYNAE 9-0 C Assussan (2-1) D Elseonin 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

APAMBEER heat ZIND (same terms) 3% in a 17recover regiden at Newtrants (1m, good). DESERT
SECRET heat Cathewy 16 in the 10-numer group 1
Royal Lodge Stales at Ascot (1m, soft). Pselously,
head 2 and 10 Dater Relly in a 13-numer marken,
over course and destance (good to firm), with 2040
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race at Ascot (1m, good to soft). NOVAN best In
Recembins a short head in a 14-numer mayerly at
York on possibilities city (7t, good), with MARRILLETTE (16th better off) 1½ 550. REDEMHAM best

The trainer states that Roger The Buller will not only it livers to overnight rain

SECTIONS: 2-1 Roger The Buller, 3-1 Sepanov, 7-2 Fyfield Piper, 5-1 Surprise Offer, 8-1 Azadanus, 10-1

Azadanus, Bellera, 16-1 o fires

1991: TAMEN 8-11 R Hills (11-8) H Thomson Jones 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

PYFELD FLYER best Lord Olivier 2/61 in a 5-namer lead race at Ayr on penusimetre start (51, sout).

ARADANZA best RALIANA (Zib worse of) 11/61 in a 5-namer gastration race at Portarised (51, good in 5 sout). RIGER THE BUTLER 2/61 2and of 15 to 16 sout). RIGER THE BUTLER 2/61 2and of 15 to 16 good).

And At Ten in the group III Commalie Spiess at Selection. RIGER THE BUTLER

4.45 MAZDA CARS NURSERY HANDICAP GUARANTEED C4 SWEEPSTAKE (2-Y-0: £3,200.00 7! (22 runners)

RETTING: 15-2 Day Colod, 8-1 So Sp. 10-1 Cabist, Hawl, Satin Dancer, 12-1 Festia, Make Smanly, Roding.

1991: ROAR ON TOUR 7-7 5 Wood (16-1) M If Easterby 18 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

Upton strikes at the double

DERRING Valley emerged from a long spell in the wilderness to provide the opening leg of a first double for jockey Guy Upton when making an impressive debut over fences in the Booker

Steed Customer Care Duchy of Cornwall Novices Chase at

Exeter yesterday.

The six-year-old, who won a novice hurdle at Aintree two

seasons ago but was badly out of sorts last term, hardly put a foot

wrong as he beat previous winner Celtic Prince by six lengths.

Trainer Anthony Jones, explaining Derring Valley's return to form, said: "His blood was all wrong last season but he has had a good summer out at grass and a change of diet and has come

"I'm sorry for Graham McCourt, who did the schooling but had to go to Newbury, but Guy probably needed it more, and

I'm pleased for him as we go back to point-to-point days

Upton, often too unassuming for his own good, was on fine terms with himself after Derring Valley's win, his first of the season, and he was even happier after Ballystate beat Flying

Speed a neck in the Kitsons Handicap Hurdle doubled his score.

Henderson's good start when beating Lake Mission ten lengths

A CING NEXT WELL TO

WEDNESDAY: Yarmouth, Fontwell Park, Sedgefleid.
THURSDAY: Nottingham. Kernoton (Flat meetings in bold)

Park, Stratford.

Wetherby.

in the If You Need It Booker Steed It Handicap Chase.

John Kavanagh and Freeline Finishing maintained Nicky

back in great form.

MONDAY: Leicaster, Lingfield Park.

TUESDAY: Leicester, Redcar, New-

Doncaster feature

3.45 RACING POST TROPHY

4.15 BONCASTER STAKES

eg 1208: 2-y-U: £/.3/5.UU 5f) (11 runners)

At Newbury, that fine stayer Further Flight endeavours to win the Castrol St Simon Stakes for the second year in succession and with Barry Hills's horses in such fine form no one should be surprised if he succeeds.

However, I shall side with Zinaad. Talked of as a possible Derby winner after he had won the Haynes, Hanson and Clark Stakes on his debut on this track last autumn, this beautifully-bred colt by Shirley Heights out of Time Charter had to miss his classics because he chipped a bone in a knee in the spring.

make his belated start to the season, at Newmarket three weeks ago, he did it in style by beating the St Leger runner-

The Radley Stakes can go to Markofdistinction's half-sister Criquette, whose first run behind Thawakib at Ascot augured so well.

Pian Ahead, who did win at Ascot last time out and landed my nap in the process, is taken to do so again in the Newbury Victims Support Handicap in the care of that good appren-tice David Harrison, who knows her so well.

Cecil should also be on target at the Berkshire course with Dakar Rally, who contests the Julia Ridgewell Birth-day Whatcombe Stakes.

## Townsend teams up with Elsworth

By Dick HINDER

TOM Townsend, recently made redundant after 16 years as head lad to Guy Harwood, is joining David Elsworth early next month. Elsworth operates from two

yards, Whitcombe Manor, near Dorchester, which is owned by Peter Bolton, the property developer, and Whitsbury.
The dual-purpose trainer

said yesterday: "I value Tom's experience. He will be my right-hand man at Whitcombe Manor and will be in sole charge of the stable in my absence."

Another trainer based at Whitcombe is Toby Balding.

Harwood has been one of the chief sufferers of the recession. With a meagre 25 winners this term, his stable strength is down to 60, compared with 150-plus four

vears ago. Inevitably, he has been forced to make economies. including a reduction of staff. and only last year he released Ray Cochrane, his stable

jockey. Townsend, in his early sixties, was regarded as one of the stalwarts of the famous Coombelands team, alongside Greville Starkey, Geoff Lawson, and Chris Kinane.

He said: "It is a very sad time to be leaving Coombelands. But Mr Harwood and I are parting on good terms and I have always enjoyed a good working relationship with

Townsend, formerly travelling head lad with Doug Smith, singled out Dancing Brave, winner of the 1986 King George and Arc, as the best horse to have come under

Recitation, Kalaglow, Lear Fan and Rousillon also sprang to mind, but Town-send has a particularly soft spot for To-Agori-Mou, who gave Harwood his first Brit-ish classic success in the 1981 2.000 Guineas.

"He was as tough as teak and you could never get to the bottom of him," the Irishman

said. "He had some marvel-lous duels with Kings Lake and never knew when he was

beaten."
While Townsend is soon leaving West Sussex for Dorset, it seems likely that Geoff Lawson. Harwood's brotherin-law, will stay at Pulborough, at least for the forseeable future.

Chris Kinane is set to accept the post of racing manager to one of Harwood's principal owners. Athos Christodoulou, while Tony Clark, a seasoned jockey based at Pulborough, has gone to Saudi Arabia with a

six-month contract. Clark will be riding freelance next season.

#### NEWBURY

MANDARIN 1.15 CRIQUETTE (nap)

1.45 Zinaad. 2.15 Fengari. 2.50 Plan Aheed 3.20 Mam'zelle Angot.

3.50 Dakar Rally. 4.20 Catherineofaragon

1.15 Criquette. 1.45 Spring. 2.15 Dawaahi. 2.50 Halkopous 3.20 Jallaf.

THUNDERER

RICHARD EVANS: 1.15 Criquette.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.15 Criquette (nap). 1.45 Zinaad. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.15 CRIQUETTE.

DRAW: 6F 8YD-1M STRAIGHT, HIGH NUMBERS HAVE SLIGHT ADVANTAGE

1.15 RADLEY STAKES (Listed race: 2-Y-O fillies: £8,805: 71 64yd round) (8 runners)

ALAMATA SI 3rd of 8 to Cregion in a graduation acc at Warrets (71, soft), CRISTAL, PLITE 10%1 4th of 9 to care at Warrets (71, soft), Saffy BARBOURH 75/4 4th of 8 to Desert's View in a conditions race at Ascot (81, soft), with BARBOURH 75/4 for MICE 100 and 10-trainer material at Goodwood (81, good), Charles Goodsa Guest 1144 in a 9-trainer material Review of Collection as a musery at Ascot (71, good to soft), with NO RESERVATIONS 3rd of 18 to Therwidth in a graduation race at Ascot (71, soft). CRISTAL, PLITE 10%1 4th of 9 to Catherineadoragom in a conditions race at Soft (81, soft), with BARBOURH 75/4 (81, soft)

#### 1.45 CASTROL ST SIMON STAKES (Group III: £20,040: 1m 4f 5yd) (8 runners)

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## FORM FOCUS

SHAMBO heat Septence 56 in the 4-ments group II Secret 36 in the 12-numer group III Park Hill Sales at Donzasser on petultimals start (Im 56 Styl, good). FURTHER FUESH\*\* beat Supreme Choice 5 in the 4-ments group III Jodey Clot Cup at Newmarket (2m, good) to suff), with SHAMBO IS 3m.

LIMPAC WEST 59 2nd of 5 to Nejerd in a handlage at York (Im 21 10pd, good) to suff). MACK THE COUNTY (Im 21 10pd, good) to suff). MACK THE CARRY (Im 21 10pd, good) to suff). Selection: ZMAAD

2.15 FLS AEROSPACE HANDICAP

BETTING: 7-2 Dawash. 6-1 Montpelier Boy, 8-1 Attentine, 10-1 Statissi, Ste's Pleased, 12-1 Collegne, Fergan, Gueca Solo, Royal Seston, 14-1 Host, 16-1 Glide Path, 20-1 others.

#### FORM FOCUS

MONTPELER BOY 2%12nd of 30 or Rambo's Half | 5 to Caspen Tern in a conclusions size at Lacoccie in the Cambridgeshire Handicap at Newmarkst (7m 11, good to soft), with DAWAAR4 (10 better off) 11 Half and ELIDE PATH 17th CONSTITUT WATER best Lady Busham 44 in a 7-notice maiden at Pomeleas (1m, good to soft), SHAFFAAR 15th 2nd of 12 to Head to Employ to Shaff Shaff and 12 to Hob Green in a Rambidgo to Soft) SHE'S PLEASED 244 4th of 12 to Robert (7m, good to soft) SHE'S PLEASED 244 4th of 12 to Robert (7m) SHE'S PLEASED 244 4th of 12 to Cappen 12 to Hob Green in a Robert (1m, good to soft) SHE'S PLEASED 244 4th of 12 to Cappen 12 to Hob Green in a Robert (1m, good to soft) SHE'S PLEASED 244 4th of 12 to Cappen 12 to Hob Green in a Robert (1m, good to soft) SHE'S PLEASED 244 4th of 12 to Cappen 12 to Cappen 12 to Cappen 12 to Cappen 13 to Cappen 14 to Cappen 15 to Caspen 15 to Caspen 16 to Cappen 16 to Cappen 16 to Cappen 17 to Cappen 18 to Cap

#### 2.50 NEWBURY VICTIM SUPPORT HANDICAP (£3,817: 1m 3f 5yd) (8 runners)

1991: HALKOPOUS 5-8-8 A Clark (15-2) M Tompkins 14 rao

#### 3.20 LEVY BOARD NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £4,240: 7f 64yd round) (15 runners)

501	(14)	51321	BRIGANTE DI CELO 15 (D.G.S.) (P Christey) R Harmon 9-7 B Rayatond	90
502	(12)	21	MULLITOVER 18 (D.S.) (Mrs D Mulley) M Heaton-Filis 9-6	87
503	(13)	33126	JALLAAF 25 (BF,F) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoom) L Contant 9-1 L Detach	Œ
504	(1)	0655	GROUND HUT 21 (Kingstone Warren Partners) H Candy 8-11 C Ruges	92
505	(2)		BENEVOLENT 19 (D,S) (F Salman) M Prescote 8-11	
506	(9)	360	FOREST SONG 12 (J Charlton) A Charlton 8-11 T Sprake	84
507	n	42206	STORM VENTURE 10 (Venture Racing Lief) W Jarvis 8-5 M Roberts	92
509	(4)	430	SHOW FAITH 43 (1 Wight) R Harmon 8-3	80
509	(10)	200	MR CUBE 23 (B) (Mrs D Anderson) P Cale B-0	89
510	(11)	150	SHARP GAZELLE 74 (F) (M Pattimore) B Smart 7-11 Dale Gibson	85
511	(15)	650862	HALLPLACE 8 (Chiry List) M. Channon 7-10 J Dainn	97
512	(5)	33225	MAMFZELLE ANGOT 9 (J. Greetham) M Stoate 7-10	96
513	(6)	42612	PONTEVECCHIO MODA 18 (D.BF.F) (W March) D Elsworth 7-8 G Bardwell	97
514	[3]	050050	WAR REQUIEM 22 (B R B Supporters Ltd) & Balding 7-7 K Adams	93
515	(8)	544DBD	BODANDERE 11 (P Fetherston-Godley) M Fetherston-Godley 7-7 F Norton (3)	93
Long	handic	cap: War A	lequism 7-2, Backander 7-1.	

BETTMG: 5-1 Brigante Di Cleio, 6-1 Mufiltover, Ponjevecchio Moda, 7-1 Benevoleni, 8-1 Jalizal, Masn' Angol, Storm Veniure, 10-1 Forest Song, Haliplasse. 12-1 Others.

#### 3.50 julia ridgewell birthday whatcombe stakes (2-Y-0: £3,915: 1m straight) (8 runners)

608 (7) ARUSHA (R Touth) D Elsworin 8-6. J Williams BETTIME: 8-15 Datar Rally, 5-2 Moorist, 8-1 Ajalan, 10-1 Clouded Elegance, 14-1 Tremolando, 16-1 others 1991; ALJADEER 9-2 M Roberts (11-8 tar) H Cecil 15 ran

## 4.20 DICK DAWSON NURSERY HANDICAP

(2-Y-0: £4,922: 6f 8yd) (18 rumners) 

Long translican: Holley Pokey 7-3.

BETTIPRG: 4-1 Statung, 11-2 Most Emment, 7-1 Delenceless, Greenwich Chalenge, Gavinors Grit. 8-1 Catherineol-aragon, Greenlet, Moon Over Mazne, 70-1 Chili Heights, Second Chance, 12-7 others. 1991: DON'T SMILE 7-5 N Actually (9-1) M Tompkins 18 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS										
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## CATTERICK MANDARIN

2.15 Terrible Gel. 2.45 Richmond. 3.15 Portonia. 3.45 Reklaw. 4.20 Just Frankie. 4,55 Rose Tableau. THUNDERER 2.15 Le Temeraire, 2.45 The Patters Magic. 3.15 Portonia. 3.45 Reklaw. 4.20 Just Frankie, 4.55

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

#### 2.15 ST PAULS NOVICES CHASE (£1,164: 2m) (12 runners)

## 2.45 PICTON NOVICES HURDLE (£935: 2m) (21)

11-4 Windsor Highness, 13-2 Jim's Wish, 7-1 Rebrend, 9-1 Melione, 10-1 Charlysis, 12-1 The Patters Magns, Green's Seago, 14-1 others

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRAMERS: N Tolder, 12 winners from 46 nameto, 26.72, Ms; G Reveley, 14 from 60, 23.3%, J J O'Neill, 4 from 25, 16.0%, W A Stephenson, 18 from 114, 15.5%; G Moore, 10 from 66, 15.2%; M Haramond, 4 from 28, 14.3% JOCKEYS: R Hedge. 7 winners from 27 rides, 25.9%, G McCourl, 7 from 28, 25.0%, D Byttes, 7 from 41, 17 1%, J Carloghon, 9 from 54, 16.7%, M Brattest, 5 from 36, 13.5%; P Mines, 12 from 68, 13.6%,

Blinkered first time DONCASTER: 2.10 Futures Gift. 2.40 Seddiehome, 3.45 Noyan, 4.15 Belana, 4.45 Asirac Tro. NEWBURY: 3.20 Mr Cube

## 3.15 WEST OF YORE HANDICAP CHASE

3-1 Portonia, 5-1 Blow Handy Man, 11-2 Master Cornet, 6-1 Tribal Rufer, 7-1 Cosmic Ray, 8-7 River House, 10-1 Quidest, 20-1 others.

## 3.45 SELLFIELD SELLING HURDLE

1 1-04 BITD THE RUTURE 9 (B.D.F.G) A Stringer 5-11-12 W Dwan (7)
2 4/3-5 MOWITHORIPE 11 (B.D.F.G) M W Extently 7-11-12 ... L. Wyer
3 215-F COLONEL GAY 35 (D.51 K Wingmor 7-11-5... ... ) Lodder
4 00-10 LOOK KEPPER 14 (D.P.) J Meckin 6-11-5... ... G McCourt
5 631- DANCING LEGEND 255 (D.51 J Paries 4-11-4 ... M Smith
6 4 BATTLE STANDARD 15 May 5 Scarnel 5-10-12 ... M Robinson (7)
7 (08 MQ-DLGHS E TOUICE 15 6 Flexing 5-10-12... M Robinson (7)
8 PO4 080LOV 257 F Como 5-10-12 ... D Byrms
9 PO0- REACHER SASKAL SEF J Wiston 5-10-12 ... S Wynne (5)
10 5 REACHW 11 M Hammand 5-10-12 ... Camb Cathodr 1
10 P- SMANIK GALBERT SF T Cathodr 6-10-12 ... Camb Cathodr 1
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10 P- SMANIK GALBERT SF T Cathodr 6-10-12 ... Camb Cathodr 1
10 P- SMANIK GALBERT SF T Cathodr 6-10-12 ... S Storey
14 -050 EXTRA HIGH 7 (0) V Thompson 4-10-11 ... M N Wilson
15 05-4 LITTLE CONNECT 24 A Smith 4-10-11 ... M N Wilson
16 WHITWORTH BERT SF M Dous 6-10-11 ... A Marrigan
17 4F- AL BANETO 19F J Norton 5-10-5 ... W Fry (7)
18 D DASSREG APPEL 9 D Thom 4-10-6 ... M Promose
2 Colonel Gay, 9-2 Redaw, 5-1 Linde Context, 7-1 Dancing Legend (10-1 Lock

#### 4.20 ST PETERS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,294: 2m) (9)

4-1 Silver Haze, 9-2 Just Frankle, 6-1 Circulation, 7-1 Master Solesman, Tresidder, Ringmore, 8-1 Boston Rover, 14-1 Gasat Policy, Impany,

#### 4.55 AMPLEFORTH HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,079: 3m 11 11Dyd) (11)

1 335- VALMATI DASK 157 (F.E.S.) S Kattlewell 6-11-11 S Taylor (7)
PMP- MORYAL 163 (F.E.S.) N Meson 10-11-10 P Name
3 221-2 ROSE TABLEAU 15 (6) 1 O'Weir 9-11-9 A Dobbin (5)
4 2-23 JUSTICE LEA 22 (F) T Carbot 12-10-2 Carol Cambot (7)
5 3/091 BITTRE 15 (6) J Hopu 6-10-0 D Berriby (7)
6 4-25 CARBERRE TIMES 16 J Horto 5-10-0 W Fry (7)
7 57-45 CARBERRE TIMES 16 J Horto 5-10-0 W Fry (7)
7 57-45 CARBERRE TIMES 16 J Horto 5-10-0 S Stormy
8 4-03 TREORNESS 7 (F.S.) Mass 1 Portal 8-10-0 S Turner
10 00-0 CARRIGEEN HERO 10 (6) R (TLERY 8-10-0 J Callaghen
11 05-0 ANTOINN 7 Mrs. 8 Byrnal 4-10-0 J Callaghen
11 05-0 ANTOINN 7 Mrs. 8 Byrnal 4-10-0 J Callaghen 5-2 Asso Tableau, 7-2 Carefree Times, 4-1 Voltage Dash, 9-2 Justice Lea, 10-1 Treborkers, 20-1 Others.

## Kooyonga has simple task

KOOYONGA, this year's Cor-al Eclipse Stakes winner, would not have continued in training but for the ambition of her owner, Mitsuo Haga, to have a crack at the Japan Cup (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

She remains on target for

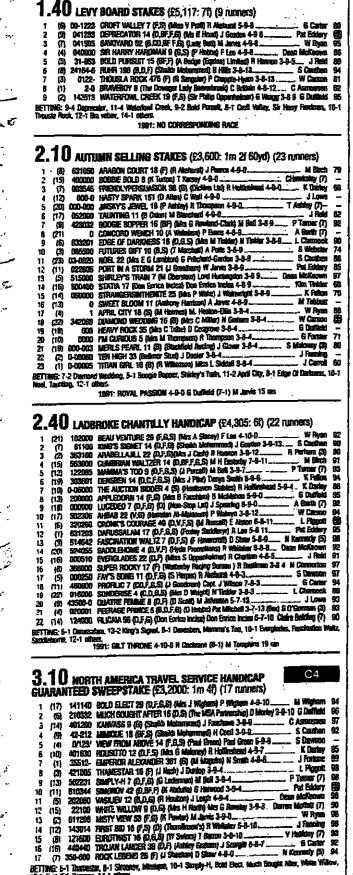
that finale, but when her trainer, Michael Kauntze, told the owner that it was hard to find a suitable prep race Haga agreed to sponsor a suitable

event. This Tokyo Thoroughbreds race over ten furlongs, with a prize of Ir£12.000, is featured at Leopardstown today.

Apart from her pacemaker. Dowland, Kooyonga will have only three opponents, the pick of them being the Irish Oaks-placed Arrikala. Her trainer is confident that

she will show a lot more snarkle today than she did on her last start when beaten 15 lengths into fourth place behind Dr Devious.





BETTIME: 6-1 Transcare, 8-1 Stronger, Manager, 10-1 Samply-H, Book Beck, Much Sought Aber, White Willow, 12-1 Farsi Bid, Kanacas, 14-1 offers.

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Christopher Irvine looks at the showman stepping on to centre stage in rugby league's World Cup final

# The burning desire for perfection that inspires Offiah

more usually called "Of-fire" -except that it sounds good, makes a good headline and is exceedingly good marketing sense. It also happens to sum up the man and his scorching talent. Martin Offiah's sense of insecurity, not just with his name, drives him, like many great sportsmen, in the rage

With Offiah, life has one meaning - tries, tries, and tries again. In five years as a professional, he has scored 283. His place in rugby league's annals is assured yet the feeling that he has to prove himself each time on the pitch remains overwhelming. It is also his inspiration.

Early on, there was a swaggering disregard for anything other than appearing flash. The extravagant displays of celebration — the hip swaying, the gospel hallelujahs, the wagging finger - are still there, although Offiah, now 26, has matured into a supremely rounded player with his club. Wigan. He is as awesomely strong in defence as when he is highstepping round flalling tacklers, ball tucked between breast and left

Offiah says he would probably give up the game if he could no longer score tries but Offiah not scoring tries is as unthinkable as Bradman not scoring runs, so the rage burns on.

Such is Offiah's captivating presence that Wembley without him this afternoon would probably relegate rugby league's greatest occasion to just another international match against Australia. The concern over a strained right hamstring, which cleared up only five days ago, extended from the British management to the marketing men, who might as well have sold the event as the Martin Offiah World Cup final. As the game's most marketable commodity, Offiah has learned to encourage the phonetic "Chariots of Fire" image - flames licking at his

winged heels. Today, Britain know that, unless their forwards can gain possession and momentum at the rucks for

HE name is Nigerian and is pronounced "Off-ear". It still niggles him that he is remote. "You are talking of someremote. You are talking of some-one so wonderfully gifted, so very, very fast — 5.6sec over 50 metres - he can literally win a match for you. You can't do without him," Malcolm Reilly, the Britain coach,

> The single-minded will and fiercely independent spirit of Offiah was fostered from the age of 12 at Woolverstone Hall boarding school in Suffolk. He was sent there from home in Hackney by his father, a barrister then working in Nigeria. His cricket ability caught the eye of Graham Gooch early on. After a couple of matches bowling for the Essex second XI, Offiah found his pace more suited to rugby union, first at Ipswich and then on the wing at Rosstyn

His speed, eye for the main

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chance and ability to shake free of a tackle earned him an invitation from the Barbarians but he was looked on as one-dimensional and too much of a showman. During one of his last appearances for Rosslyn Park, against Gloucester, he weaved his way behind his 22metre line, veered left and then abruptly right, all the way to the opposition corner flag. "Bloody fool," a committee man bellowed at him. After a similar show of extravagance at the Middlesex Sevens, Offiah began to receive calls from Doug Laughton, then coach at Widnes rugby league

Laughton's joy is fishing for union talent and in Offiah he saw his biggest catch — the greatest pace and desire to get across the tryline. Offiah, his sights set on joining Bath, did not share Laughthe ball to find its way into Offiah's ton's confidence. "My first reachands on the left flank, the tion was to say no," he said. "I had ciates his considerable worth his £440,000 in January last year, oped. He has failed to curb the final in May, are a powerful elixis

seen league on television a couple of times but Doug kept insisting. Yes, being a professional sports-man appealed but, although I wanted success, I wouldn't really

have put too much money on it." Offiah took Laughton's faith on to the field. His first game for Widnes against Halifax went well enough; on his third appearance. he scored against Runcom

Then the floodgates opened. In his debut season of 1987-8, he beat Frank Myler's club try-scoring record with 42, surpassing that with 58 the following year. He has been the first division's leading tryscorer for the last four years and he was the fastest to 100 first division

The first of his 26 international appearances came only six months after he had arrived at Naughton Park when, inevitably, he scored a try in victory against France in Avignon in January 1988. His five tries against France last year at Leeds is a British international record. In two spells in Australia, he scored 20 tries in the exacting Winfield Cup competition.

"Rugby League is a confidence Offiah said. "A lot of players converting from union find it difficult the first year but I found my feet straight away. I enjoyed being flashy in the first couple of years. I found that I could outpace most defences. I built up my strength purely for that purpose. As long as I didn't miss any tackles or make serious blunders, I felt happy just scoring tries. I have evolved, though. I am more creative for others and work for the team in general but the raps still come from tries."

This desire to score never wanes and Offiah remains immersed in rugby league to the exclusion of almost all. Life in a fourbedroomed detached house in Widnes does not have the bustle he likes about London. He still regards himself as an outsider but prefers it that way. His relationship with Ellery Hanley, the former Britain captain and teammate this afternoon, is about his

It perhaps explains an earlier reluctance to speak to the media. However, these days Offiah appre-



£100,000-a-year with various contracts - and he is involved in the marketing business in a part-time role with Norweb, Wigan's

Nothing frustrates him more than not playing. This season has been the worst: because of injury, he has scored only three times in six matches. During the six months he was absent before an for a world record fee of Monte has to

He relieved that with 30 tries in five months, including ten against Leeds in the Premiership Trophy semi-final.

Since his move to Central Park, John Monie's influence on Offiah has been considerable. The wily Australian coach has smoothed out the rough edges. Offiah's assurance under the high ball. running from dummy half and Widnes finally agreed to sell him covering abilities are aspects

regrettable frustration a perfectionist suffers at those who may not share his dedication.

Australia fear Offiah more than any of the British today for the simple reason that he thinks precisely as they do. He knows he is the best and goes flat out to show it. In the last nine utatches against Australia, Offiah has scored five tries, including one in the 19-12 win at Wembley in 1990. That memory, and two tries against Castleford in the Challen

stages. The bookmakers agree, making him the 7-1 favourite to

score the first try. The hig time is what I enjoy most. That, and tries, there is no greater kick . . . I need to score. If you channel that desire and use your talent, you can't really fail to succeed," he said. A world record crowd at Wembley of over 70,000, united in demanding that he be given the ball, provide a fitting

### IN BRIEF

## 'Reward' denied by TVNZ

New Zealand cricket authorities yesterday moved to calm complaints from Pakistan that included a threat to cancel a tour later this year.

Peter McDermott, the chairman of the New Zealand board, sent a message to the Pakistan authorities explaining that reports of a £350 "reward" for television cameramen who spot Pakistani bowlers tampering with the hall had been taken out of context. TVNZ said reports of the reward "had no basis of

#### Turkish delight

Triathlon: After a hard season, Spencer Smith, of Britain, the world junior champion, rose to the occasion once more in the Alanya International in Turkey, winning in the 50min 00sec.

Team on the mat Judo: Two of Britain's Olympic medal-winners. Nicola Fairbrother and Kate Howey. bolster an inexperienced squad at the European team championships in Leonding.

#### Austria, this weekend. Faldo trails

Golf: Nick Faldo shot a second-round 70, for a 141 total, and is nine off the lead in the Bridgestone Open in Chiba,

#### Off course

Motor rallying: The second Paris-Cape Town Rally has been called off due to security problems in southern Africa. The event will revert to the Paris-Dakar route and start on January 1.

#### Shuttle flight

Badminton: Anders Nielsen, the English national champion, has gained a free trip to the China, Hong Kong and Thailand Opens next month as a result of winning the European Masters circuit title last

## **RUGBY LEAGUE**

## Britain must deal with pack's power

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

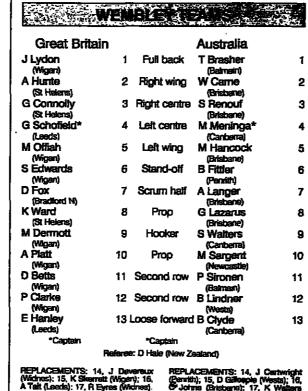
SENTIMENT and an overwhelming desire are motivation enough for Great Britain in the World Cup final at Wembley today. Neither, however, can cover up a suspect glass jaw. If exposed to the quick and punishing driving of the bigger Australian forwards, all the passion Wernbley can generate is unlikely to prevent a knockout blow. Final preparations by Brit-

ain yesterday emphasised the two areas where they could upset Australia. I 1-4 on favourites and seeking their fourth successive Cup final victory. As their one win of the summer's series on a wet Melbourne evening showed, a patient build-up, with kickand-chase tactics and distribu-tion out wide to Martin Offiah, can unthread the

tightest-knit defence. Subduing the Australian pack — over a stone per man heavier — holds the key. This has to be the foremost objective of the props, Andy Platt and the recalled Kevin Ward, the oldest player this after-noon, at 35. There is insufficient weight behind these two to allow for levity.

Australia's dominance of the ruck area in winning the series against Britain in Brisbane in July underlined this fact. Fourteen of the 17 players

☐ Twenty internationals have



used that night are back today. The bulk and size that Malcom Reilly, the Great Britain coach, said was so necessary remains unavailREPLACEMENTS: 14, J Certw. (Pervith); 15, D Galleppie (Wests) & Johns (Brisbane): 17, K Wa

able. Route one would appear

the best option, with Garry

Schofield, the captain, and

Gary Connolly, in the centre,

running at Steve Renouf and

Mal Meninga, wonderful attacking threequarters, but seen as defensively vulnerable.

Deryck Fox, at scrum half, with Shann Edwards up in support, will look to his boot to keep the opposition pinned down. A lesson from Britain's three wins in 18 attempts in the past ten years is that the Australian forwards do not like having to retreat. "It's our real chance to get the wing men flying," Fox said.
Offiah, on the left wing, is

Great Britain's match-winner, but Australia have several. If allowed to roam wide, Bradley Clyde could run Ellery Hanley ragged at loose forward, while the elusive Allan Langer heads a quartet of Brisbane backs with strength, speed and attacking breadth.

Schofield's hope, expressed last night, that Australia will be intimidated by the atmo-sphere of 70,000 people at Wembley is a vain one. Aus-tralia lost there in 1990 because of their lack of preparation, something they have not been guilty of this time. While the sides are level on

52 wins each, recent times have been less than generous to Great Britain. The third, and last, of their World Cup triumphs was in 1972 in France, when they drew 10-10 with Australia after extra time. Wembley is as good a place as any to reverse the trend.

#### WORLD CUP FINE 7-16 ST were awarded the trophy for finishing top of the qualifying league WORLD CUP FINAL

been staged over four years leading to the final at Wernbley today between Great Britain and Australia. Martin Offiah, Shaun Edwards, Andy Platt and Kelvin Skeneti, a table.

The World Cup will revert in 1995 to a tournament staged in one 195b to a tournament staged in one country, run over a month in British along the lines of the rugby union World Cup.

Being the team with most league points after winning all eight of ther qualifying matches, compared with Great Britain's five, Australia would automatically be declared winners should today's some still be level after 20 Andy Plant and Kerwit Skereu, a substitute, are the only survivors of Great Britain's first match, a 10-6 defeat of New Zealand at Wigan on November 11, 1989. Three Australians — Mai Meninga, Bradley Clyde and Michael Hancock — took part in their opening match, a 22-14 win over New game still be level after 20 minutes of extra time. Zealand at Auckland on July 23,

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Most appécarances in a series: Eight by Mal Merunga (Australia).

**SNOOKER** 

## **Griffiths** reaches semi-finals

By PHIL YATES

TERRY Griffiths, up to fourth on the provisional world ranking list as a result of a remarkable high level of consistency over the past two seasons, reached the semifinals of the Rothmans grand prix at The Hexagon, Reading, yesterday with a 5-2 victory over his fellow Welshman. Mark Bennett.

Griffiths, 45, is not immune to the pressure felt by many of his fading contempories but he has maintained and even improved his position in the game's upper echelons by successfully controlling his nerves at the table. A clue to this could lie in his start to life as a professional.

They say that the pressure involved in today's game is intense but it's no more than when I started," Griffiths, who turned professional in 1978,

"Then there were only two

tournaments a year and, if you didn't do well in them, you had no living and no money.' Griffiths, beaten by Bennett in three of their previous four meetings, was held to 2-2 but won the fifth frame on the pink. He added a 79 break, easily his highest of a disjointed contest, to extend his lead to 4-2 and a long pink in the seventh secured a best-of-17 frame meeting against Ken Doherty or Steve Davis.

Alan McManus claimed that financial considerations were secondary after beating Nigel Bond 5-3. McManus, who made breaks of 83, 77, 44 and 34 as he recovered from a 3-1 interval deficit, said: "If I had to chose between the trophy and the £80,000 first prize, I think I would take the trophy. Winning a big tournament means

everything at the moment."

McManus, seventh on the provisional rankings, awaits the winner of the Jimmy White-Neal Foulds quarter-

CRICKET

## Zimbabwe build on solid foundations

ZIMBABWE, with a rewarding first Test match safely behind them, are to intensify efforts to develop cricket among the country's ten million blacks. A first-class domestic programme will also start next year. These plans are essential if the game is to survive bere, according to David Houghton, the Zimbabwe captain.

Houghton has a realistic vision of the future which is also as forthright as his own strokeplay. Referring to the Test match with India at the Harare Sports Chib, which finished on Thursday, he said: This is white cricket and it will die in ten years if we do not get the blacks to play. I want to tell you very sincerely that the day 11 blacks play for Zimbabwe in front of 40,000 others at the Chitungwiza township here, that will be a real Test match for our country."

Houghton has spent most of his career doubling as main Zimbabwe batsman and national coach, and is only too conscious that the white population, presently 75,000, continues to dwindle

In a reshuffle by the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (2CU), Houghton has been put in charge of age-group coaching. His most immediate assignment is to look after the Zimbabwe under-24 team. which competes soon in a new South African provincial

The most significant development yet for black players has been the selection, on merit, of three of them for an under-19 tournament in South Africa next December. Both these competitions underline the beneficial knock-on effect for Zimhahwe that South Africa's return to the International Cricket Council (ICC) has had.

It is not clear who will be the next Test visitors here after the present tours by India and New Zealand, but it will always make sense for sides to use Zimbabwe as a staging post on their way to South Africa, as India have

The newest Test-playing nation is encouraging growth at grass-roots level, Richard Streeton reports from Harare

done this time. Zimbabwe are spared finding their guests' travelling expenses and the visitors have the chance to break their journey and practice.

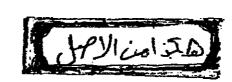
Meanwhile, the ZCU is laying more concrete pitches at high-density primary schools in rural areas. As promising players are found, the best are awarded cricket scholarships to leading schools in Harare. These retain the best facilities from the past, but now black pupils are predominate. A cricket academy to hone emerging talent is also being built.

Peter Chingoka, the ZCU president, hopes that six earns will compete in the three or four-day first-class programme being planned. The present domestic fixtures comprise a senior league with eight clubs and a two-day competition between five regional teams. In similar fast-ion to domestic Sri Lankan cricket, it would take time before any strength in depth emerged.

The present visits by India and New Zealand, who arrived on Thursday night, are costing the ZCU about E80,000. Chingola said the money was being raised from sponsors. World Cup receipts and borrowings from the dev-elopment fund. The ZCU's income would increase as cricket interest grew. Zimbabwe had only had three months to organise the present tours, and marketing bad barely begun.

Tomorrow, the state-owned television service is, for the first time, filming throughout the one-day international against India, with an eye to overseas sales. India travel to South Africa on Monday to start a three month tour. New Zealand's fixtures here include a Test match and a one day international.

OP OU KAD



Souness passing a test of tradition

**FOOTBALL** 

## Grimsby put Beasant in firing line for Newcastle

By LOUISE TAYLOR

derland in a £225,000 deal

from Brighton.

Byrne, 31, scored in every round of the FA Cup bar the final for Sunderland but has

been unsettled this season.

First division results have not

been good, Malcolm Crosby's

position as manager is inse-cure and Byrne has failed to

sell his house on the south

coast.

At Millwall, he will be teaming up with Mick McCarthy, player-manager at The Den and a Republic of Ireland colleague who has, for some weeks, been trying to

recruit the player who scored 21 times for Brighton and

Sunderland last season.

Byrne's friendship with Mc-Carthy probably proved a key

acrosby said: "We have accepted Millwall's offer. Byrne is worth more than we paid for him. I am disappointed he does not want to stay but I am

only interested in players who

Southend United are inter-

ested in acquiring Johnny Ekstrom, the Swedish interna-

tional forward. Colin Murphy,

the Southend manager, trav-

elled to Gothenburg to watch

Ekstrom in midweek and the

Swedes seem prepared to sell for around £300,000.

but failed to impress.

to continue Cup run

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

are committed to the cause."

TWO months on from being Chelsea's first-choice goal-keeper, and two years after acting as Peter, Shilton's World Cup understudy in Italy, Dave Beasant yesterday joined Grimsby on a month's

Beasant makes his debut at Newcastle United, one of his former clubs, this afternoon when he aims to prevent Kevin Keegan's side securing a twelfth successive first divi-sion win at a packed St James'

Beasant's arrival at Bhundell Park came after six weeks spent in Chelsea's reserves. Publicly castigated by Ian Porterfield, the Chelsea manager, following a series of blunders in a 3-2 home defeat to Norwich, Beasant, 32, was informed he would never play

for the first team again.

He played 20 games for.

Newcastle in 1988 after arriving from Wimbledon in the June and leaving for Chelsea the following January. Alan Buckley, the Grimsby manager, who was without the suspended Wilmot and injured Sherwood, yesterday said: "I am very pleased to have signed Dave Beasant." With Wilmot very much the first choice at Blundell Park, a permanent move is not under

John Byrne was last night finalising the details of a £275,00 transfer which will take him from Sunderland to Millwall. The dubs agreed the fee a year to the day after the Republic of Ireland international forward signed for Sun-

THE FA Cup has shouldered

its way into the sporting life of

the headquarters of racing,

with Newmarket Town gal-loping into the fourth qualify-

ing round for the first time in

their 115-year history. Tomor-

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mportant clubs that dominate domestic football and win trophies shape the national game. Team managers shape those clubs. What Graeme Souriess, a Scot, thinks and does will therefore help shape English

David Miller on a

manager who says

principles should not be sacrificed on the

altar of success

For the moment, Souness is concerned with maintaining Liverpool's long-standing eminence, in particular their climb back towards a more accustomed position in the league and continuation in the European Cup Winners'

Cup.
Their storm-lashed performance against Spartak in Moscow on Thursday night was simultaneously one of the most commendable and one of the most bizarre in their history. Here was entertainment run wild.

Yet Souness, an exceptional midfield player of the Seven-ties for Scotland and Liverpool, has broader concerns. "I worry for our game," he says, "though I love it more than ever, even if I'm having a difficult time."

Only further radical alter-ation to the laws, he considers, can protect the British game's future from the present expedient preference for kick-andrush, an extreme reverse of Arthur Rowe's push-and-run of 40 years ago. "It now starts even in the schools," Sourcess says. "Hoof it, back it up, and pick up the bits from the opposition's errors. If Liverpool played that way, the spectators would stop coming. Whether I succeed or fail, we'll do it by the way we always

Ekstrom, 26 and capped 40 times by his country, had a close-season trial with Chelsea Although it may be possible for a club to win the Premier League by kick-and-rush, Souness argues that those who now dominate European club Stoke City yesterday signed Dave Regis, from Plymouth, and Nigel Gleghorn, from Birmingham, for a combined £200,000. competition and the World Cup — the Germans, Italians, Argentines and Dutch — are Newmarket on course successful the way English clubs were when masters of the European Cup, during the prime of Liverpool and Nottingham Forest. And remember that Alf Ramsey used to

> game was accurate passing. Souness's answer, in order to dissipate the present compression of play into small areas and restore attacking potential, would be two-fold: the offside law to be operated only beyond an extension of the 18-yard line, to make the playing area longer, and an increase in the width of the goal by a yard.

It is no coincidence, he says, that the countries which play a passing game, such as Italy

Sourcess: "Whether I succeed or fail, we'll do it by the way we always have" and Germany, are those operopinion that the squad he inherited was done in, finating the sweeper system, which makes the playing area ished. The desire and hunger deeper. He blames the FA for were gone, he claims, and to much of the present English turn things round was going to be a harder job than any manager had faced since emphasis. "Coaching the long-ball tactics is an easy Shankly

the mood as well as the

was the experienced players who sorted things out — even with Bob [Paisley], though that is not to discredit him,

because he brought the play-

players such as Kennedy,

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Sourcess says, is that

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option," he says. His coaching at Anfield is very much mental rather than physical or tactical, and he is firmly of the opinion that his team is not challenging at the team is not challenging at the top of the Premier League — Liverpool aim to move up by beating Norwich City at Anfield tomorrow — wholly because of a nightmare run of injuries; a run that continued with Steve Nicol's late withdrawal from the match in

Some critics allege Sourcess insist that the essence of the has changed the club's style and method of training. He denies this. It is no different. under the supervision of Ronnie Moran and Roy Evans. than when he was a player, he insists. The legend of the Boot Room lives on.

"In my day, the players were left more to their own the reserves, acquiring the feel of the dub, before being devices," he says. "Now they need more help. I talk more, pitched into the first team. Today, expensive players have and I don't think they get to go straight into the side.
"I knew all this when I injured talking." Souness is loath to discuss the regime of walked in the door," he ad-Kenny Dalglish, but is of the mits. "With Rangers in Glas-

gow, they'd had little success. and they were prepared to listen: don't go to the pub on Thursdays, don't eat this or that. At Anfield, they thought they knew everything, they'd been successful with their ways. It was harder to tell His job has been to change

Souness feels mentally personnel. He suspects that stronger than ever, relishing what drove Dalglish away was that the players were no longer listening. "In the old days," he reflects, "the players were schooled in the correct habits. And in the build-up to the hard times, discovering more about himself and others in a way that does not happen when success is roll-Team spirit, it is often said, matches, and at half-time, it

is what you develop from winning and not vice versa. He is aware that some players are looking at him under the glare of personal criticism, that former colleagues are taking cheap shots. Physically, he thinks he can

ride it. He has put back two stone lost at the time of his bypass operation, and has only a slight shortage of breath as the aftermath of a concurrent lung infection. The offence caused to the Merseyside public by giving his surgical "story" to The Sun is, he admits, the worst error his career. He excuses himself, thinly, by saying that everyone facing the operation considers at some point that

they may be among the 3 per cent not to survive. The proceeds were donated to Alder Hey Children's Hospital at West Derby.

On Thursday night, in freezing rain, the performance of Bruce Grobbelaar, precipitated by the commendable passing-back law, was enough to make anybody's heart miss

Grobbelaar's impulsive histrionics, rushing wildly out of the penalty area, had nearly conceded a goal in the first half, and did so in the second when he foolishly switched the ball from right foot to left, miskicking to concede Spartak's second goal, scored by Carpin.

Radchenko's feet, for which Grobbelaar was sent off and from which Spartak regained the lead with six minutes remaining, was the 20-80 decision that all goalkeepers have to make and referees. unrewardingly, have to judge. My opinion is that there was no option either for Grobbelaar to go for the ball with little hope, or for the referee, Larssen, of Sweden, to send him off. The law is there to benefit attackers, and Liver-

pool paid the penalty.

MOTOR RACING

## Gavin and Watts head GB challenge

By Stephen Slater

THE Brands Hatch circuit in Kent will this weekend auract over 160 young racing drivers from around the world, focusing their attention on the Duckharns Formula Ford

This year marks the 21st anniversary of the event, which has traditionally been the first opportunity to identify motor racing's stars of the

Seven previous festival winners have gone on from the I 600cc racing cars to Formula One, including the team Lotus driver, Johnny Herbert. Such is the quality of the entry for the 1992 event that at least a dozen young drivers have a chance of success.

The first hurdle is surviving a tough three-day format of qualifying races which select the 24 drivers for the crucial final round.

Favourites are certain to include Jan Magnussen, of Denmark, and the Australians, Neil Cunningham and Russell Ingall, who were among the fastest drivers in

testing.
British honours will be upheld by Oliver Gavin. who has moved back to Formula Ford for the weekend after driving more powerful Vauxhall Lotus cars and Derek Watts.

A poignant moment this weekend will be when the 21-year-old Swiss driver, Philippe Siffert, takes to the Brands Hatch track for the first time. His father, Jo Siffert, won

his first Grand Prix at Brands Hatch in 1968 and was killed there at the wheel of a BRM in 1971, in the year of Philippe's

□ Derek Warwick, recent winner of the world sportscar championship, will replace Michele Alboreto in the Footwork Formula One team in 1993, the team confirmed

#### **YACHTING**

## Steel cuts a dash on way to Rio

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

WITH less than 500 miles to the finish at Rio de Janeiro of the first stage of the British Steel Challenge round-theworld race, Richard Tudor and his crew on British Steel II are making a final dash to

secure line honours.

At 1400 GMT yesterday, they were within 423 miles of the Brazilian port, speeding along at 9.6 knots, having pulled out an 82-mile lead over the second-placed yacht, Interspray, during the previous 24 hours, after Paul Jeffes and the crew on Interspray experienced light winds closer

inshore. Adrian Donovan's thirdplaced yacht, Heath Insured. has also been slowed, dropping 132 miles astern of British Steel and was clocked doing just 4.3 knots by BT's satellite tracking system

vesterdav. Even so, the race remains remarkably close. During the past 30 days, half the tenstrong fleet of identical 67-foot yachts have held the lead.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 14 00 hours GMT vesterday, with miles to Rio de Janeiro): 1, British Steel II (R Tudor), 423 mile; 2, Interspray (P Leffres), 505: 3, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 555; 4, Group IV Securilas (M Golding), 911; 5, Pride of Teesside (I MacGalivray), 529.

ton (LS) Dt N NOVADEN, (C3), 8-3, 6-7 VEENIAR. Men's tournament: Second round: B Gilbert (US) bt M Néwie (Ger), 6-2, 6-3; G Pozzi (h) bt S Bruguera (Sp), 6-2, 6-3; Siemennik, (Hoff) bt A Medicedev (Lifv., 6-3, 7-6, P Korda (C2) bt H Skott (Austra), 6-4, 6-3; A Chesnokov (Fuss) bt D Poliskov (Lifv.), 4-6, 7-6, 6-1, A Antonisch (Austra) bt F Sentoro (Fr), 6-4, 2-6, 6-4

T Scauto (17), 0-1, 2-0, 0-1

AIPEL Men's tournement Quarter-Eneity:
J Grabb (US) bt B Steven (NZ), 5-7, 6-3, 8-2

P Kuhnen (Ger) bt G Bloom (Isr), 8-3, 6-4; J

Morgan (Aus) bt K Carlson (Den), 6-3, 6-4; A

Olhovekiy (Ruse) bt D Nargeso (tt), 7-6, 4
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Arsenal, who won the corresponding fidure 4-2 lest year. Wright scoring all four, are unchanged for the third consecutive time and unbeaten in their last six outings. With Wright, leen to keep his England place, up front for Arsenel and Beardsley, resigned to never getting his back, in Everton's attack this could furn into a tale of two strikers. Snotin could return to Everton's defence after two years of struggle to overcome serious injury, but Rideout and Johnston are almost certainly ruled out of the attack.

Parkeston before a crowd of 102, expect to draw between 600 and 700 for their big day.

## MATCHEP WATCH GUIDE TO THE PREMIER LEAGUE

Coventry v Chelsea Paul Williams, the 6th 4in forwardon loan from West Brormwich, with a view to a move, begins on the bench. West is doubtful for Chelsea

Ipswich v C Palace

Clive Baker, ipswich's reserve goalkeeper, makes his full home debut in place of the suspended Forrest. Whitton is restored to the right of the midfield after a lengthy injury lay-off. Milton is also fit again and back in the squad. Thomas, Palace's former England intensional, is fikely to be on the bench to the second successive match. Palace seek their second League win of the season.

Liverpool v Norwich humiliated 7-1 by Blackburn Rovers in their last visit to the north west,

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arrige operation write Diffort and Benger are also expected to be fit to join him in an attack which must break down one of Britain's costiest defences teaturing £2.5 million signings in Curle and Phelan.

February. Small is in line for a first learn place as Villa aim to extend their unbeaten run to nine games.
Marshall, Oldinam's converted forward, is still troubled by a thigh njury and sits this one out while Famell, 20, a winger, is included in the Villa squad for the first time.

from Oldham to Villa Part: in

#### QPR v Leeds

Andy Sinton hopes to push his case for an England place, if he passes a late fitness test for OPPR, who have Ferdinand fit to return. Caratona and Strachan have been declared fit to start for Leeds, but the French forwards's place could be stolen by Waltace, who hopes to start his first game in seven weeks. Lukic continues in goal despite his midweek aberration against the other Rangers at Ibrox.

Sheff Utd v Nottm For Beauty meets the beast at Bramall Lane where Forest need to translate prefity passes into three points if they are dislocke themselves from the loot of the table. Glover starts his first game of the season for Forest in place of Bannister. Charles, the right

FOR THE RECORD

technical programme): 1, 7 Eldradge (US), 0.5ots, 2, S Davis (US) 1.0 3 Vischissian Zagorodinuk (Uk) 1.5 British placing: 10, S Coustes, 5.0 fee dance (after original dance): 1, M Usove and A Zhuán (Russ), 1, 0; 2, S Monicote and P Lavanchy (Fir.), 20; 3, E Pursalan and J Swallow (US), 3.0.

back, has recovered from a knee problem in time to keep his place today. United will recall Tracey in goal it Ketly fails a fitness test. Hoges could replace the injured Rogers in the midfield. tomorrow Wimbldon v Tottnham Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager and a former Tottenham

back, has recovered from a knee

## player, hopes to mark Wimbledon's first live televised appearance for four years with a win, Holdsworth returns after a month spent

returns after a month spent recovering from a hemia operation, but might have to settle for warming the bench as Cotterill, who scored twice last week, should retain his place up front. Blackwell is also back after nijury and competes with McLeary, signed on loan from Milwall this week, to join Scales in central defence. Segers should be fit to keep goal. Mabbutt plays his first League game of the season for Tottenham alongside Ruddock at centre half, leaving Cundy in the cold. Tottenham have fitness doubts about Sheringham, Anderton and about Shenngham, Anderton and

Complied by Louise Taylor-

#### SCHOOLS SPORT

## Sedbergh make breakthrough

By CHRIS DIGHTON

Ampleforth on November

SEDBERGH, in Cumbria, five minutes to go, but conceded three tries in as became the first school to score many minutes to lose 26-11. a try against the seemingly The master in charge of invincible Durham this searugby at Durham, Nick son, though they were still Willings, said: "Our tour of beaten 31-22. South Africa gave us a flying start to the season and 19 of Durham have a roll of about only 280 boys, but they

the boys who went on that trip were unbeaten at first- and are back with the school. second-team level throughout There is a terrific amount last season and have so far of confidence among the boys repeated the pattern this term. and the new rules have made Sedbergh's try might have the game quicker, which has led to a rare defeat for Durhelped us. Sedbergh came out ham, had it not been for a of their blocks at us and it was daring piece of counterattacking. Sedbergh were leading 22-21 and on the a testing bartle. Our toughest battle looks to be against

verge of scoring a second try

14." he said. when Durham ripped the ball Sevenoaks, in Kent, take on free, exchanged three passes Durham on Monday, in the behind their line and broke second of two games in their away to score at the other end. half-term tour of the north The Sedbergh second team Coached by Mike Williams, who also looks after the Engalso lost narrowly. They led Durham seconds 11-5 with

land 18 group. Sevenoaks have drawn their past two matches 10-10. The first game, against Whitgift, of Croydon, involved a meeting of the England youth management, as Whitgift are coached by Chris Kibble, who takes charge of the England 16 group.

Sevenoaks, who drew with Campion a few days later, will play Barnard Castle in the first game of their short tour. for the British Rail 125 trophy, which has been held by the host club for the past two seasons. A crowd of 3,000 is expected

for the 104th meeting between Llandovery College and Christ College, Brecon at Llandovery in Wales this weekend. Llandovery are un-beaten this season. Christ Colege have won five out of seven. THE BELFTY: Schroeder seniors' Issum | ATLANTA: Skale America: Men (effer

championship: Final scores: 178 (stableford points). Cawder, 88, 88, 178: Southsta, 87, 86, 170: Alrestord, 89, 81, 81, 185: Hull, 82, 83 185: Anweck, 81, 82, 161: Massacke Park, 77, 84, 192: Shaw Ha, 74, 78, 151: Sonning, 72, 79, 142: Chester, 72, 70, 197: Coverny Hearsell, 62, 75, 135: Rardurly Castle, 61, 74, 131: Canterbury 69, 62.

Remuny Castle, 61, 74 131; Canterbury 69. 62. KILSPINDIE, East Lothiam: Scottlish Assistants Auburnn Clastric: Final scores: 562; S McGregori (Glasgowi, 83, 63, 63, 63, 253, 254; S Yetes (Florat Burgers), 64, 67, 65, 67, 259; A Creat (Blangowine), 65, 68, 67, 77. A Elect (Caldwell), 62, 88, 68, 71, 272; C Ronald (East Kilbnde), 67, 89, 65, 71, 1 Greaves (Burchersan Castle), 17, 64, 68, 71, 67 Hume (Cardrots), 85, 67, 72, 88.
CHIBA, Jispan: Men's bournement (Japan unless states), 182; G Meyer (US), 67, 65, 132; T Ozzak, 65, 68, 134; N Ozzaki, 67, 67, 135; M Kuramoto, 68, 67. British score; 141; N Falcto, 71, 70. EPERNAY, France: Europeen cruiser-weight championship: Akim Tafer (Fr. holder) bt Derek Angol (QB), rsc 10th md. VERBANIA, trah: European middleweight championship: Surribu Kalambey (It. holder) bt Sieve Collins (Ire), prs BETHNAI, GREEN: Vacant WBC Interna-tional light-middleweight championship (12 mcs): Curits Summit (US) bt Tony Collins (Vateley), rsc 7th md. CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Briebane: Western Australia 370 (D Martyn 133 nol cut, G R Marsh 121) and 184 (Martyn 112: S Storey 5-55); Oueanstand 221 (B A Reid 4-58) and 69-1. **FOOTBALL** 

Late results on Thursday INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Crostia 3. Mex INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Create 3; Meaco 0 (in Zagreb).

UEFA CUP: Second round, first legs:
Frem Copenhagen 0, Real Zaragoza (Sp) 1;
Turin 1, Oyhamo Moscow 2.

FA TROPHY: Second qualifying round,
replay; Grays 2, Hendon 1 (sed).

PONTINS LEAGUE; First division: Nothingtem Forest 3, Botton 1.

SCHOOLS MATCH: English British Gas.
Trophy: Third round: East Northumberland
3, Langbaurgh 0.

WORLD SERIES: Atlanta Braves 7, Toronto Blue 2 (Toronto lead best-of-seven senes 3-

135: M Kuramoto, 68, 57. British scorer.
141: N Faldo, 71 70.
SAN ANTONIO: Texas open tournament:
First round (LS unless stated): 65: C Pavin.
64: R Matibie. 65: N Lancaster. K Young, L
Mae, F Alten (SA), 68: M Brooks, B Fabel,
R Zolof (Cant), D Edwards, J Kise, P
Persons ST: D Watonf, J. Robers, J
Maggert, H Green, F Funk, N Proc (Zm), C
Bynum, R Caldwell, B Bryant, A Madiate ICE HOCKEY

Namonal League (NHL): Hentord Whelers 5, Ottowa Senators 1; Vancouver Canudes 4, Philadelphie Pyers 4; Patsburgh Penguins 9, Detroit Red Wings 6: Toronto Mapie Leats 5, Tampa Bay Lightneng 2, Mennesota North Stars 5, Quebbe Northques 2; New Jerstey Devils 6, Calegory Rames 2.

Derek Angol: boxing

**RUGBY UNION** 

RUGBY LEAGUE STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP; First division: Sheffield Eagles 15, Warrington 10. Third division: Whitehaven 8, Keighley YOUNGER'S ALLIANCE: First division: Hailfax 8, Balley 24.

READING: Rothmans grand pric Rith round: S Davis (Eng) bi P Ebdon (Eng), 5-0: N Foulds (Eng) bi S James (Eng), 5-4.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Delly Mail Under-18 Cup: Cornwall areg: Final: Truto 33, Richard Lander 5. Devon Cup: Kell College 20, Blundell's 17. Other matches: Chichester HS 40, Ryda (IcW) 7; KCS Windsedon 11, Emanuel 20, King's, Taurion 3, Taurion 0, Whight 10, Christ's Hospital 6; Windsor 32, Beanwood 0; Pale's 63 25, Richard Veses 25 Seathwood 0; Pale's

Rischop Vesey 5: St Bartholomew's, Newtony 8, Pangbourne 22, Bedford Modern 67, St Albans D; Monkdon Coombe 30, Claymore 5; Sedbergh 53, Cumbna Schools 0

**SPEEDWAY** 

SPEEDWAY STAR KNOCKOUT CUP: Semi-linal, second leg: Cradley Heath 45, Restling 44 (agg 80-99)

CALGARY: Canadian women's open chemploriship: Second round: M La Moignan (Eng) bit C Owens (Aus), 9-3, 9-0, 9-7; SWingti (Eng) wo S Schone (Gar), scr., F Grewes (Eng) bit R Lamboume (Aus), 9-6, 9-1, 9-2, 9-1, 8-1; R O'Calaghen (Eng) bit T Mylymerm (Pal), 7-9, 9-8, 9-1, 9-1, 9-0, 1 Owe (Eng) bit S FizzGerald (Aus), 9-3, 0-9, 9-10, 9-4, 9-5. M Martin (Aus) bit D Drady (Aus), 10-9, 9-4, 9-4, 9-9.

SQUASH

6, 6-4.

HONG KONG: Men's tournament: Preliminary round: M Chang (US) bt E Sánchez (Sp), 6-1, 6-1; M Larsson (Seve) bt Xe Jiaping (China), 6-1, 6-2, M Stuch (Ger) bt 1 Lendi (US), 5-7, 6-4, 6-4, T Woodbridge (Aus) of M Dennin (Ca), 7-6, 6-3; J Sánchez (Sp) bt J Betes (GB), 6-3, 6-4, R Krajicek (Holl) bt A Volkov (Ruse), 6-3, 7-6; W Famoira (SA) bt L Paes (India), 7-5, 6-4 WBMBLEDON: Table & Lyle women's championship: First & Lyle women's championship: First & Lyle women's Championship: First & Lyle (Sussex) bt 3 Tse (Isle of Men), 6-3, 6-0. S Bentley (Surrey) bt H Madhews (Berks), 6-0, 6-2; K Chass (Denon) bt C Spencer (Midde), 6-4, 6-0; E Jeffs (Oxon) bt V Invine (Essex), 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 YACHTING

BEFMUDA: Omega Gold Cup: Quartey-finals: Pitat rates: C Decision (N2) bt J Desch (Geft; P Cayard (US) 5: E Baird (US); R Heaner (Hoft) b; E Warder-Owen (GB); P Bromby (Berm) bt R Courts (N2)

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premier division, at its

Cricketfield Road ground for a place in the first round

proper.
The club's connection with the racing industry extends

no further than its nickname. "the Jockeys", which conjures an image of 4ft 10in centre halves and thus is little used in the dressing-room according to the club captain, Martin Marris. "We do get quite a lot of stable lads, many of them from the North, who come to midweek matches." Marris said. Marris, 31, is well placed to

judge his club's progress. having joined as a 16-year-old and been away for only two years. He remembers playing at Hayes in a 5-0 defeat in a second qualifying round replay in 1980. "I've served under six different managers," he said."When I was first here we used to change under the old stand but we now have new changing rooms and a new clubhouse." He believes that the standard in the Jewson League has been rising, "after a slight dip for a couple of years", as

reached the last 32 of the FA Vase last season and have dispatched Langford, Tilbury, Baldock Town and Grays in the FA Cup this season. They are also unbeaten in the league, though have played only five matches. Marris has been briefed on Hayes by Jim Hicks, who spent last season with New-

professional clubs have cut

their staffs and more players have filtered in to non-League

football. The management

team of Peter Graham and

Dave Pinkowski has strength-

ened the side. Newmarket

market but now plays for St Albans, who beat Hayes 3-2 in the second qualifying round of the FA Trophy last Saturday. "We haven't looked at them," Marris said. "We've just got to play our own game but we know they have a good record in the Cup." Hayes have reached the first round for the past six seasons and, in the past two, have beaten

Cardiff City and Fulham. "If there is one person ] want to win the game for it is Brian Manning." Marris said "He's been manager, assistant manager, everything and is now the physiothera-pist. He's one of those characters all players love because he's been around so long." Newmarket, who last Saturday beat Harwich and Arsenal v Everton

Blackburn v Man Utd A lack of goals has been United's A lack of goats has been United's principal problem this season and their manager could do without a reminder from Alan Shearer, the forward he so bedfy wanted but lost, of what might have been by adding to his taffy of 15 goals. Moran, the Blackburn defender who had ten years at Old Trafford, will want to present his old team increasing their. Darren Ferguson, the manager's son, resumes in the midfield.

so Allon is poised to make a rare appearance in attack. Spackman is still struggling with strain, but Le Saux could make his first

name an unchanged side, but groin strains make Rush and Nicol extremely doubtful for Liverpool. On the plus side, Jones and Stewart are expected to play with Rosenthal ready to replace Rush. Only Souriess knows if he will persist with Grobbelaar in goal after his antics in Moscow on Thursday.

Man City v Soton Le Tissier returns to the Southampton wing after a minor anide operation while Dixon and

Middlsbro v Sheff Wed With Mustoe still injured, Kavanagh, 18, makes his home debut for Middlesbrough after a promising appearance at Forest. Wednesday are without Hirstand Jemson, both

Oldham v Aston Villa Earl Barrett will be back at Boundary Park for the first time since his move

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defeat in France

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**GREAT BRITAIN** PRIMED FOR **WORLD CUP FINAL** 

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 24 1992** 

United wary of visit to Ewood Park

## Ferguson fears Shearer in Rovers' revival

ALEX Ferguson's worst fears today probably involve Alan Shearer scoring a hat-trick and Kevin Moran shining in defence for Blackburn Rovers against Manchester United at Ewood Park.

Ferguson, the United manager, cast his net in Shearer's direction more than a year ago but months of well-plotted pursuit were undone when the England forward opted to move from Southampton to

If a £3.6 million transfer could ever be described as a snip it would be Shearer's. He has already scored 15 goals while Ferguson has watched his attack labour to deliver the finishing touch. A win against United this afternoon would put Rovers two points ahead of Norwich City at the top of the Premier League.

This morning, United are sixth. It was a lack of goals which cost them the League title last season, and although they are unbeaten in ten games this term, they have drawn the last four and won only one of the past eight. Defeat today would leave them eight points adrift of Rovers, who embarrassed Norwich - who play Liverpool at Anfield tomorrow - 7-I in their last League home

United's defence will be tested by not only Shearer but also by Stuart Ripley, who has created many goals for his new partner since his own £1.2 PREMIER LEAGUE

	PW	DL	F	Α	Pt.
Norwich	12 8	22	22	20	25
Blackburn	12 7	4 1	24	9	25
Coventry	12 6	4 2	15	11	22
Aston Villa	12 5	52	20		20
QPR			18	12	20
Manchester U.			14	10	20
Arsenal	12 6	24	15		20
Leeds	12 4	53	22		17
Middlesbrough	12 4	4 4	21	17	16
loswich	12 3	72	17	15	16
Chelsea			16		16
Sheff Wed	12 4	35	15		15
Oldham	123	54	20	21	14
Manchester C			13	13	13
Everion	12 3	45	11	14	13
Liverpool	123	45	16	20	13
Sheti Utd	12 3	36	12	18	12
Southampton	12 2	55	11	16	11
Tottenham			11	21	11
Wimbledon	12 2	46	16	20	10
Crystal Palace.	12 1	74	15	19	10
Notice Forest	199	37	11	22	Q

million close season move from Middlesbrough.

Back in their Ayresome Park days, Ripley frequently gave Gary Pallister, the United central defender, a torrid time in training. If Ripley can continue to be so consistently impressive on the wing, he could well come into contention for a reunion with Pallister in the England

After spending ten years at United in the central defensive position now occupied by Pallister, Kevin Moran was released by Ferguson and discovered a new lease of life at Blackburn. At 36, Moran has been attracting rave reviews this season and would enjoy proving a point by shackling Ferguson's attack in his first league match against his former dub. Looking forward to

## Leeds watched by 10.5m

been but the tussle between celona in Rotterdam in 1991, Leeds United and Rangers for football's British championship has clearly fired the public's imagination like few other matches in recent years (Peter Robinson writes). While Ibrox was packed for the first leg of their European Cup second-round tie on Wednesday night, a record television audience of 10.5 million tuned in to follow ITV's live coverage of the game.

Only one European match has attracted a larger viewing audience during the last two seasons. That was Manchester United's European Cup Win-

UNOFFICIAL it may have ners' Cup victory against Barwhich pulled in 13 million. ITV was, not surprisingly, delighted when the figures were announced yesterday.

Starved of coverage of the FA Premier League and with Channel 4 delighted with its live matches from the Italian league, the season had threatened to be a low-key one for ITV. The audience for the tie's second leg at Elland Road the week after next is expected to match the 10.5 million figure.

ITV's chief executive, Andrew Quinn, said: "It was a magnificent game, and this is a magnificent result for ITV."

the occasion he said: "You live for big games like this at this

stage of your career.

"Alex Ferguson let me go at time when, like Gordon Strachan, I had a lot of football left in me. But there is no bitterness. I do not resent it. Playing in games like this for Blackburn is as exciting for me as Gordon's role with Leeds must be for him. It means more later in your career."

Just as Moran's Indian summer has confounded the doubters, so Blackburn's rise to the top of the Premier League was far from expected. As Ferguson said: "Blackburn have surprised everyone with their terrific form so far, but they deserve to be where they are at the moment. Although we have not been winning games, no one has been

beating us either." In the days when Kenny Dalglish, the Rovers manager, was in charge of Liverpool he enjoyed a prickly relation-ship with Ferguson. It will be interesting to see what effect re-kindling a historic rivalry between United and Rovers, who last met in a league fixture more than 25 years ago, has on the pair.

The halycon era of Lancashire derbies between the two teams was 80 years ago, when Rovers and United each won the title twice in seven seasons before the first world war. It was a time when the Lancashire cotton industry was thriving and trams ran down the aptly-named Tapestry Street adjacent to Ewood Park.

Subscribing to the theory that history is bunk, Dalglish said: "Those days are gone, it is only tomorrow that counts."

For Bryan Robson, the United captain, his tomorrows as a player seem to be nunning out. He has yet again failed to recover from injury in time to take part in a fixture he would relish. However, Ferguson's son, Darren, is fit to return to the United midfield.

Robson will be one of thousands of interested spectators on a day when Ewood Park will be packed to the rafters. As Dalglish said: "United are a great club with great tradi-tions. Wherever they go they have the same pulling power as Liverpool - everyone wants And Shearer.



Flawless show: Graf, the No. 1 seed, in dominant form in her quarter-final against McNeil at Brighton yesterday

## Huber and Graf turn on the style

By Andrew Longmore, tennis correspondent

GERMANY, in the form of Anke Huber and Steffi Graf. lost a total of six games and took less than two hours to reach the semi-finals of the Midland Bank championship in Brighton yesterday.

Graf and Huber, who live within half an hour of each other in southern Germany, now meet in a private affair to decide their national representative for the final tomorrow.

The odds clearly favour Graf, the top seed and defending champion. Huber has won an average of three games in each of the three matches against her Federation Cup-winning partner and the chances of breaking par today, by her own assessment. owe more to hope than expectation, particularly as she is

troubled by an ankle injury. "It is very difficult. Steffi plays so fast and has such a good serve. I have never played well against her, this time. I hope to play a little better, though nobody thinks I can win. We will see," Huber said after a 6-3, 6-1 quarterfinal victory over Pascale Paradis-Mangon, of France. It was hardly optimistic. Huber won the first four

games in double-quick time — Graf the first eight off Lori McNeil - and, though Paradis-Mangon recovered briefly to take the next three, that was the nearest the French girl came to egalité.

A run of seven games won by Huber — from 4-3 in the first set to 5-0 in the second suggested that lengthy treatment to the left ankle midway through the first set was purely a precautionary measure and the German finished the rout off with a flourish, leaving the haseline for once to execute a swift and precise serve and

volley.
Inevitably, because she has worked with the same coach, Huber has been shadowed by Graf. She is only 17, but has risen into the top 20 quickly enough to invite the comparison. Her forehand,

though, which begins with the positive head-to-head record face of the racket parallel to the ground, owes nothing to Graf or the coaching manuals. Paradis-Mangon will testify to its efficiency but the punists feel that the technical weakness of the stroke will stop Huber from reaching Graf's "I have always played that

way," she said.` Graf's first set in a 6-0, 6-2 stream of backhand passes and heavy first serves reducing McNeil, the No. 8 seed, to despair. The second set was only marginally less convinc-ing. McNeil, a winner of the grass court title just down the coast at Eastbourne in midsummer, had not beaten Graf in seven matches. Yesterday,

she never threatened to stem the flow of defeats. Graf had spent a few moments prior to the match perusing a record of her career, compiled by the loyal local fan club. She was surprised how few players had a

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the message: "Go, Blue Jays,

against her, even more surprised by the identity of two of them. One is Jo Durie, who leads the series 4-3, and the other Shelley Walpole, who had the distinction of beating the future Wimbledon champion in a satellite in their one and only encounter at Sutton Coldfield eight years ago. Both are English.

☐ Hong Kong Ivan Lend reached the semi-finals of the Marlboro Championships here yesterday, despite losing his last preliminary round match to Michael Stich, of

Stich won 5-7, 6-4, 6-4, as Lendl was totally out of touch. But it was Stich and the Australian. Todd Woodbridge, who went out of the exhibition tournament, as Lendl had conceded fewer sets than his rivals in group two.

Lendl now meets the Dutchman, Richard Krajicek, while Michael Chang will face Goran Projectin the other semi-final. (AP)

## Feherty \* finds his form again

By Our Sports Staff.

DAVID Feberty, who has been struggling for form this year, reverted to his former self to score a sparkling 65 in the second round of the Iberia Madrid Open yesterday.

The Ryder Cup player from Ulster, who goes into today's third round on an eight-under par total of 136, a shot behind Colin Montgomerie who scored 69, and Miguel Angel Jimenez, who returned a blistering 64, is in 83rd place in the order of ment with nine days of the season left.

"I lost my confidence early on and didn't play enough to get it back. Feherty said.
Then I played too much, but now I feel like I'm going to hole some putts again — as opposed to wondering which side I was going to miss on." Feherty covered the back nine in 34, rattled off four successive birdies from the 2nd and put the gloss on his best day's work for ages by pitching dead on the 300-yard

Peherty, 33, hoped it was a taste of things to come because he desperately wants to retain his Ryder Cup place next year and is also trying for an US PGA Tour card again. "It will be my fifth attempt," he said. be my fifth attempt," he said.
"I enquired about going this year, but was told I would have have to go through three stages. I'm going to play with people wearing jeans and with holes in their shoes."

Jiménez, from Malaga, won his first Tour title in Relegion last month and today.

Belgium last month and today birdied four of the last five holes. "He holed putts like nothing on earth," Mont-gomerie said. "I thought I was exceptional, but I had nothing on him today. I had loads of chances, but didn't take

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## Warren plans appeal after Angol's defeat

By Our Sports Staff

FRANK Warren, manager of the British boxer, Derek Angol, who lost to the European cruiserweight champion, Akim Tafer, in Epernay, France, on Thursday, plans to appeal against the verdict. Angol was leading the fight before Tafer caught him with a punch in the tenth round as the two boxers unwrapped

themselves from a tangle.

Angol fell in between the ropes and had difficulty regaining his feet. He finally made it but the German referee counted him out in a standing position. Warren said: "If a boxer is

knocked out of the ring and beyond the apron of the ring by a legitimate blow, the count shall be 20 seconds before the boxer is counted out. The referee didn't count to 20. I believe he [Angol] was capable of carrying on. He was win-

ning the fight." Warren said he would ask the European Boxing Union (EBU) to rule on the matter at its meeting in Rome on Saturday.

However, Bernard Restout, the president of the French Boxing Federation, said that the rule Warren referred to was not in the EBU statutes but did exist under WBC and WBA boxing regulations. All three judges had Angol leading before the knock-out 88-87, 90-83, 89-85.

☐ Steve Collins, from Ireland, failed in his attempt to take the European middleweight crown from Sumbu Kalambay, of Italy, on Thursday night. Collins cut the 36year-old veteran above the right eye in the third round but was unable to press home his advantage and lost on points over 12 rounds in Verbania.

## Fans fail to go by the book

In any other year, Michael Ondaatje might have expect-ed to be the talk of this town after becoming the first Canadian to win the Booker Prize for fiction, even if his novel The English Patient, only shared the award. When he took the stage to give a reading to 400 people at the International Festival of Authors have the order night has thors here the other night, he might reasonably have ex-pected to be the centre of

Unfortunately, his performance coincided with the long-awaited first appearance of the Toronto Blue Jays baseball team in the World Series. The president of Ondaatje's publishers made his excuses and cut off early to watch the game on television

and, at every interval, baseball fans in the auditorium sprinted to the car park to get the latest score on car radios. Some could not even man-

age that much decorum. Halfway through his reading, Ondaatje stopped and said he could hear the commentary on somebody's per-sonal stereo. Still, Ondazije had the last laugh. No sooner had he finished than Damon Berryhill hit a home run to win the game for the Atlanta

#### Nicely said

The star of "Neon" Deion Sanders, occasional left-fielder for the Braves and parttime punt returner for the Atlanta Falcons NFL team, has been blinking lately. Smarting under criticism in the local media, Sanders has decided not to talk to reporters. "They had a privilege. They abused the privilege. They lost the privilege," he pronounced, prompting the Cincinnati Inquirer to ask: "What does he think he is, an American Express card?



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□ Even Toronto's public transport system has been affected by World Series

The city's buses and trams, which are equipped with com-

puterised message boards that give passengers informa-

#### Hidden costs

Lou Holtz, coach of the Notre Dame college football team, is putting a brave face on an act of generosity that backfired. When a local hos-pital asked if it could sell 30,000 paper masks of his face to raise money, he agreed, but once he had seen them he had second thoughts and offered to buy them up. Told that would cost \$90,000, he declined.



#### Worlds apart News for all those who

thought that Toronto were the first Canadian team to reach the World Series. According to The World Series: A Complete Pictorial History, the first "world series" was held in Detroit in 1868, 35 tion about routes and destinations, now have an added years before the official

championship began.

Teams taking part incheded Detroit, Chicago, Pinsburgh, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland and Mantreal of cities that and Montreal, all cities that now have a major league team. And the winners of this first "world championship"? Why, the mighty men of Hamilton, Ontario, of course.

#### Landslide

Ross Perot may be third in the race for the presidency of the United States, but readers of USA Today make him first choice for a far more prestigious job, commissioner of baseball. He won 64 per centof the vote while George Bush and Bill Clinton earned only 18 per cent each.

## **Dressing down**

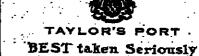
Monica Seles may be the best women's tennis player in the world, but she wins no prizes for her dress sense, according to a poll of fashion experts. Poor Seles, who has ambitions to be a model, finds herself in the company of such luminaries as the pop stars, Michael Jackson and Axi Rose, and the television actress. Roseanne Barr, in the worst dressed" list. Michael Jordan, the star of the Chicago Bulls basketball team, is rated the best-dressed sportsman, which might just be the challenge to lure our own clothes horse, the boxer, Chris Eubank, to fight in the United States at last.

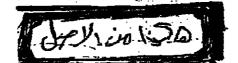
#### Strike it rich

A parting shot that will not gladden the hearts of professional cricketers trying to make ends meet during the winter. The average salary for a major league baseball player this season was \$891,188 (£553,533). Ian Botham, eat your heart out.



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# Our patrician priest of pleasure

Will his love of churches give our new heritage secretary, Peter Brooke, divine inspiration? By Valerie Grove

an it be only five months since I sat on this same sofa in this same room facing David Mellor selow with post-election euphoria? A prescient sub-editor headed my nterview: "Happy days are here for David Mellor, Secretary of State for sport, the arts, fine buildings, the national lottery and all the good hings in life. Nothing can possibly

≥o wrong — or can it?"

Well, it is a funny old world. The spring sunshine has gone with Mr Mellor. Autumn leaves are falling, threatening to take the government with them. Nobody is calling the Department of National Heritage the Ministry of Fun any more, and in its palatial temporary office is the "civilised" Peter Brooke, with rich, plummy voice and eyebrows

In May, it had seemed fine to talk about lavish plans to build new buildings for the millennium, and a national lottery to help the arts.
"None of that changes, technically," Mr Brooke says. "The legislation should get through the House by next summer, and the lottery will be up and running in '94."

But hasn't the mood changed? "In relation to the lottery, or the mood of the nation?"

"Isn't it inappropriate even to discuss the ethos of the lottery in the context of so many people's financial catastrophe?

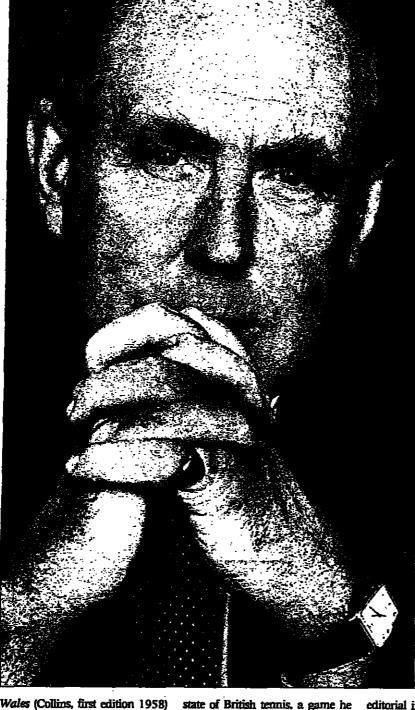
Whether people wish to take matter for them as individuals. Life goes on. And we're talking about 1994 rather than 1992. None of us knows what the dimate will be."

So let us pretend that Heritage will emerge unscathed from the recession: it is Mr Brooke's department's job to look after "the ways people spend their time when they're not working", meaning leisure rather than unemployment. And in Mr Brooke our heritage has a thoroughly traditional guardian. He even owns a slice of it - Dove Cottage, the most visited of Wordsworth's Lakeland homes.

His great-grandfather Stopford Brooke, a clergyman, bought it in 1890. And the Wordsworth Trust is a model for the leisure industry, building a museum from an 18thcentury barn, turning a hotel into a library, and buying up 15 nearby cottages, where American and Japanese scholars can be housed, along with young people who go there to be trained for other arts

and heritage jobs. "We also own 80 per cent of the major Wordsworth manuscripts, which for a private trust is an

astonishing dowry," he says. "Churches" and "conservation" are Mr Brooke's chief interests in Who's Who. He keeps Betjeman's Parish Churches of England 8



in his car, and once initiated a three-week correspondence in The Times about the problem of locked churches. What he loves about churches is the 800 years of evolving architecture, their ecclesi-astical eccentricities and what Philip Larkin once described as the sense of their having been used by good people over centuries. That has a significance which conveys itself even to someone like Larkin

who was not a believer. He once took Brian Walden, an Oxford contemporary, churchwatching. "Considering how far to the left Brian was then, and that my father was in a Conservative cabinet, I was always astonished that Brian was prepared to come and stay with me, as he did frequently." Indeed all Mr Brooke's interests

seem to be informed by useful personal connections, in the classic fashion of the Tory patrician. When we spoke of sport, and the parlous state of British tennis, a game he plays, he said: "Miss Wade and my sister were exact contemporaries reading the same subject at Sussex." By mentioning connections he deflects inquiries about minefields in his portfolio. He will consider Sir David Calcutt's report on press freedom, but believes a free press to be crucial ('John Wilkes lived in my constituency"), and to dent it would be dangerous.

nterestingly, when he was president of the junior com-mon room at Balliol in 1955. the JCR censured the British press for "making the private life of Princess Margaret headline news". The men of Baltiol voted to ban offending papers and to treble their order for The Times and The Manchester Guardian "in appreci-

ation of their discretion". "We behaved in a faintly pompous manner," Mr Brooke remembers, "and a sharply corrective

editorial in the *Daily Mirror* said we were being absurd. But I received about 100 letters from the public, 97 in favour. I've got the etters somewhere. I'm a fantastic He will have to deal with

Baroness Warnock's critical report on the Royal Opera House which stands "on the brink of a financial abyss just when the government is least able to give it a hand" (David Mellor in The Guardian last week). Mr Brooke mentions that he was a contemporary of Jeremy Isaacs at Oxford "so I've known him all my life". Doubtless he has close friends at the BBC, to steer him through the forthcoming debate about its Charter renewal as well.

He learnt the art of political legerdemain at his parents' knees, as the son of Henry Brooke (Lord Brooke of Cumnor), Home Secretary to Macmillan, an Ulsterman by ancestry, and Dame Barbara (Baroness Brooke of Ystradfellte),



Guardian of our past: the book-loving Peter Brooke, left, already owns Wordsworth's Dove Cottage in Lakeland, above

Mr Brooke's

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ary this year, when the IRA had murdered seven civilians in county Down, Mr Brooke ap-

peared on RTE's live Late Late Show in Dublin, and was persuaded - fazed by the cunning Gay Byrne asking him about the death of his first wife — to sing "My Darling Clementine". He acknowledged the error and apologised to

parliamentary scene be-

fore entering the Com-mons himself at 42.

While seeking a seat, he was interviewed for the

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uency along with one

turned down his resigna-

tion from the Northern Ireland job after "the

television episode" which

he still regrets. In Janu-

Mr Major rightly

the Commons. "What was very moving." Mr Brooke says, "was that I was totally conscious of the effect in Northern Ireland after the event, and my wife and I (he married his second wife Lindsay in 1990] spent our first wedding anniversary visiting every single one of the families. They are a warm, welcoming, courageous

people." While Northern Ireland was ssentially a single problem, Heritage embraces at least six strands, so he will have to ration himself from too much attention to things he likes, such as cricket, about which he is omniscient ("I once dreamt of being a cricket corres-

long-serving vice-presi-dent of the Tory party. "the first married couple Heritage he found himself at Leeds sculpture park opening the Igor Mitoraj exhibition, followed in 701 years of parlia-Opera North's performance of La mentary history ever to Duenna. He does go, "not vorasit on the front bench together". He waited unciously", to opera; he was at Glyndebourne two nights before it til they had both left the shut down.

He is MP to almost all of London's commercial theatreland. but the play he longs to see is Alan Bennett's The Madness of George III at the National. I supposed he could get tickets easily but he says he would never pull strings. "Although I must confess that since my namesake without an 'e' [Peter Brook the director sounds the same over the telephone, my secretary has sometimes rung on behalf of Mr Peter Brooke' and seats have been available." He'd had a very nice letter from Peter Brook, actual-

ly, from Paris. He is a picture buyer, never paying more than £50, and a book collector. "My young have asked me, Why do you go on buying books? You'll never have time to read them all, however long you live.' And I reply that it is a library. Once, my youngest son had to rush back to write an essay on New

Year's Day, because an absolutely critical book was on the closed shelves of the university library. ! said 'try me'.'

The book was Dinsmore's Greek Classical Architecture and of course he had it. "I think it was an eye-opener to him that it was on the open shelves of his own home."

This is a style of Tory that has all but vanished from the party. When his guard is down he is a rattling good raconteur, his speeches are elegant and witty; and his new colleagues report that he has a mind like a trap.

As he has to make speeches about "building a Britain of opportunity and enterprise for the 1990s" and "improving the quality of life" he will need all his eloquence, in a dismal world where jobs themselves have become a lonery.

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## On the piste again, nudge nudge, geddit?

While you can ski and have an affair, most don't, honestly utumn is the season when a A young man's fancy turns to thoughts of skiing. In a holiday brochures have been recent episode of Cheers Sam tried to con Diane into believing he was going to his aunt's funeral, and the only thing that gave the game away was that the hypothetical dead relative lived in Vermont.

But why should he have to lie about going on a skiing weekend? He could be perfectly open about going off to play baseball or football. The answer is that skiing has become synonymous with sex. especially illicit or extra-marital sex. So you have to lie about it.

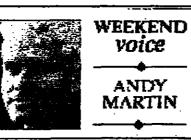
Like other common illusions, this wonderful fallacy can sometimes be inconvenient. In the days when I was reporting on the so-called "white circus" of the World Cup downhill, following the pro skiing circuit all winter up and down enough mountains to reach to the moon, my life was nothing but a succession of skiing weekends. Admittedly rather long weekends, from around Thursday often till Tuesday. I could never convince my wife I wasn't just having a good (i.e. bad) time, even though the reality was more like a mobile monastery than a seraglio, more hair shirts

There has already been a solid fall this year: noiselessly fluttering to earth through the night, winter

snowing down across the land. I never once saw a women's race, since competitive skiing keeps the sexes puritanically apart, not just in separate hotels but usually in different countries as well. The glossy fantasies of the brochures, in contrast, pro-claim that things are other-

wise among the amateurs. Most photographs and resort plurbs are psychedelic exercises in innuendo, promising romance on the rocks. Solo operators merge into couples, couples coalesce into full-scale orgies. This is pomography with your clothes on. Roland Barthes in his essay on striptease in Mythologies argues that taking your clothes off divests you of sexuality: conversely, the more clothes the sexier, endowing even the sinewy with voluptuous curves in veils of Gore-tex.

It will be said that even ads for ice-cream (not to mention shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant) manage to equate their product with passion and enhanced pulling power. But the perverse identification of a pair of parallel skis with a pair of intersecting bodies long predates high-pressure hype.



A carving on a cave wall in White Sea, circa 1000 BC, shows three naked men in elongated footgear. They are so plainly naked that they are usually known as the "three phallic figures on skis". Winter temperatures in these parts can drop as low as 40C. This premonitory image of the perfect package holiday can be perceived as art for art's sake, allegory. wishful thinking, or sympathetic magic. The one thing it surely can't be is a naturalistic portrayal of

everyday experience. None of which is to say that it is impossible to go skiing and have a fling simultaneously. But these quite distinct activities are only automatically coupled in the collective imagination - and in a like fate.

ramifying gerne of books and plays and films whose titles typically involve some puerile play on the word piste - where French ski instructors and English chalet girls eter-nally act out simplistic sexual scenarios. Even cocktails bear out the connection. In a bar in Chamonix you can order an Orgasm (milk and rum and Coke, I recall).

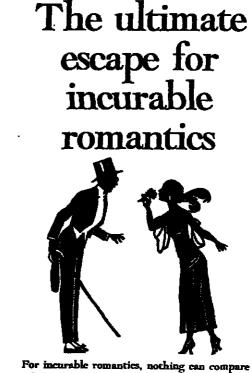
For a while I assumed the explanation for this phenomenon must lie in the symbolism of downward motion. Mountain climbers, hauling themselves heavenwards in quest of God (many early mountaineers were churchmen), embodied the elevated aspirations of the higher faculties. Skiers, on the other hand, with salopettes for fig leaves, were endlessly rehearsing the script of the Fall, sliding down towards sin and Mountaincering was all muscu-

lar Christianity on the march; skiing was pure pagan hedonism in a cold climate. We talk about falling in love as if we were giving way to some powerful force of nature. Similarly, in skiing, we feel the pull of gravity sucking us down

nent of these slippery semiotics. In an ancient episode of the Dick Van Dyke Show Dick goes off on a skiing weekend. On his return Mary has prepared a candle-lit dinner for two and is dressed in a seductive negligee. He tries to cool her ardour, but she soon sniffs out his guilty secret: under his clothes he is bandaged up like an Egyptian mummy, for all practical purposes rendered impotent.

This is the Darwinian dimension of skiing: natural selection according to your ability to get down black slopes in one piece. Sex or death. Ski right and you score; blow it, break a leg or your neck, and your chances of reproduction are zero. But what makes skiing irresist-

ible to our post-modern mentality, easily betwitched by the simulacrum, by signifiers without substance, is its strong Lamarckian undertow. Lamarck believed that acquired characteristics can be inherited, so that a dog that had its tail cut off would breed dogs with shorter tails. And so it is with skiing. You don't have to be born with boots on, you can buy them. And you can look like a skier even if you can't ski like one. What is transmitted to the next generation is the suntan and the right shades. Hence the iron law of evolution: the



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ARTISTS AND ADMIRERS: Ostrovsky's sharp, affectiona picture of a theatrical anthill in Russia circa 1880. Lovely performances by, among others, /ivestra le Touzel and Philip Voss. The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Mon-Thurs, 7.15pm, mat Thurs, 2pm, LE BARUFFE CHIOZZOTTE: The European Arts Festival starts here with Goldoni's cornedy about fishermen meeting their wives after six months at sea. Presented by the Piccolo Theatre of Milan. In lian, five performances only. National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Thurs,

Fr), Sat and Mon, Nov 2, 7pm, mat next Sat, 2pm. IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY: Larks in the hospital common room; matron outraged; doctors oxed. Ray Cooney farce with lots of laughs. Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mat



Steadman in The Rise and Fall of Little Voice

JUNE MOON: Innocent songwriter conquers Tin Pan Alley. Delightful comedy by Ring Excellent cast led by Adam Godley and Frank Lazarus. Perfect entertainment to shake the blues away.

Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Previews from Thurs, 7.45pm; opens Nov 4, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm.

JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES: Alan Ayckbourn's grimly funny play, set in a suburban garage, where nice suburban people do their best to annihilate each other with niceness. Martin Jarvis and Rosalind Ayres lead the cast. Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755), Previews from Thurs, 7.45pm; opens Nov 2, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm

KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN: Chita Rivera is the vamo in Harold Prince's production of the Kander & Ebb musical, based on the celebrated play about fantasists in a prison cell Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat Spm, mats Wed, Sat,

A LITTLE OLDER: John Binnie's Independent award-winner from Edinburgh; a chronicle of Glasgow childhood recalled as a man nurses back to strength a woman who has lost her memory. stead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9224). Preview Tues, 8pm; opens Wed, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat,

NO MAN'S LAND: Rare stage appearance by Harold Pinter in his 1975 drama of two old friends (or are they?). With Paul Eddington. Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Previews from Thurs, 8pm; opens Nov 2, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

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PHILADELPHIA, HERE I COMEI: Brian Friel's affectionate comedy of an Irish emigrant and his carping alter ego. A revival to be cherished. With Jonathan Arun and Brendan Covie.

Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri. 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm

RADIO TIMES: Tony Slattery in a fun trip down Memory Lane, set in wartime Broadcasting House, bursting with sprightly Noel Gay Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury

Avenue, W1 (071-494-5040), Mon-

Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs. 2.30pm, Sat, 4.30pm. THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE: Terrific performance by Alison Steadman as the raucous m in Jim Cartwright's play about dreams, shyness, homble mothers and greedy lovers. With

Jane Horrocks, and Peter

Aldwych, Aldwych, WCZ (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat,

SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION: Stockard Channing as the rich New Yorker transfigured by a black con artist in John Guare's fine play on human inter-dependence. Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm.

THE TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA: David Thacker's winning revival, thirties style, both comic and romantic, delightfully acted not least by a reproactiful mutt. Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Mon-Thurs, 7.15pm, mat Thurs, 2pm. REGIONAL

EDINBURGH: British premiere of Michel Tremblay's The House Among The Stars, where a man revisits his family's log house, and three generations speak of their Traverse, Cambridge Street (031-228 1404). Opens tonight,

8pm; then Tues-Sun, 8pm. GLASGOW: The New Yorkbased Wooster Group on a brief visit to Britain show their latest work, Brace Up I A dance/music/theatre spectacle, based on Chekhov's Three Sisters and incorporating classical and popular Japanese

Tramway, Albert Drive (041-227 5511). Wed-next Sat, 8pm, mat Sun (Nov 1), 4pm.

MANCHESTER: The Seaguil transposed by Thomas Kilroy to the west of Ireland, where the play fits as if Chekhov wrote it for the place. Brigid Larmour directs. Contact, Oxford Road (061-274 4400). Preview Wed, 7.30pm; opens Thurs, 7.30pm; then Mon-Sat,

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: In the main theatre, Richard Johnson and Clare Higgins star in Antony and Cleopatra, directed by John Caird, the last opening of the 1992 season. At the Swan: lust, murder and madness trap Cheryl Campbell and Malcolm Storry, playing the guilty pair in Middleton's The Changeling. Michael Attenborough directs And at The Other Place: Richard McCabe plays Marlowe in Peter Whelan's The School of Night

(second play this year with that title). A fresh look at the mysterious deaths in a Deptford tavem. Royal Shakespeare/Swan/ Other Place (0789 295623). Antony and Cleopatra: oreviews from Thurs, 7.30pm; opens Nov 5, 7pm. The Changeling: previews from Wed, 7.30pm; opens Nov 3, 7pm.

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#### FILM

LES AMANTS DU PONT NEUF (18): Leos Carax's hymn to Paris and a punk bum's love for a young artist going blind. Terrific in spurts, and a real movie movie. Barbican (071-638 8891) Metro (071-437 0757) Renoir

**REAUTY AND THE BEAST (U):** Sumptuous Disney cartoon fairy-tale blessed with skilled animation and attractive songs that might have sprung from a Broadway musical. Directors, Gary Trousdale, Kirk Wise.

Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Ode (0/1-636 0310) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Marble Arch (0426 914501) End (0426 915574) Screen or Baker Street (071-935 2772) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

BLUE ICE (15): Michael Caine's former MI6 agent plunges into a pool of corpses and intrigue. fired hokum, filmed in London. With Sean Young; director, Russell

MGM Baker Street (071-935) 9772) MGM Panton Street (071-**BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER** 

(12): Cheap, witless vampire comedy, best when it spoofs Californian airheads. With Kristy Swanson Donald Sutherland: director, Fran Rubel Kuzui. MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631) UCI Whiteleys (071-792

1492: CONQUEST OF PARADISE (15): Lashings of atmosphere from director Ridley Scott, but not enough dramatic meat. Gérard Depardieu as Columbus; Sigourney Weaver as Empire (071-497 9999) MGM

Fulham Road (071-370 2636) UC Whiteleys (071-792 3332). GAS FOOD LODGING (15): Emotional lives of a waitress and two daughters in New Mexico. Good-looking, well acted. Fairuza Balk, Brooke Adams, lone Skye; director, Allison Landers. Metro (071-437 0757) Renoir (071-837 8402) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

HUSBANDS AND WIVES (15): Woody Allen's best film in years, a lacerating tale of collapsing New York marriages. Stars Allen, Mia Farrow, Judy Davis, Liam Neeson, Juliette Lewis. Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0691) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) UCI Whiteleys (071-792

PATRIOT GAMES (15): Hamson Ford's family comes under attack from an IRA cell. Absurd thriller from Torn Clancy's novel. Anne Archer, Patrick Bergin; director, Philip Noyce. MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) MGM Fulham Road (071-

(071-434 0031) UCI Whiteleys

(071-792 3332). THE PLAYER (15): Dazzlino satire on Hollywood, directed by Robert Altman from Michael Tolkin's novel. Tim Robbins as the studio executive who kills a writer; plus cameos and walk-ons galore. Odeon Mezzanine (0426 915683).

PRAGUE (12): Callow Scot searches for family history in the Czechoslovak film archive. Wispy drama with modest charms from writer-director lan Sellar. With Sandrine Bonnaire. nden Parkway (071-267 7034) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Minema (071-235 4225). SPOTSWOOD (15): Gentle, pleasing Australian comedy, with Anthony Hopkins as an efficiency expert battling with an

outdated moccasin factory. Director, Mark Joffe. Plaza (071-497 9999). STRICTLY BALLROOM (PG):

One dancer's fight to defy the rules of the Australian Ballroom Dancing Federation. Ebullient, intoxicating debut by director Baz Luhrmann. With Paul Mercurio, Tara Morice. MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) MGM Oxford Street (071-636

0310) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) West End (0426 915574) Renoir (071-837 8402) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366)

THUNDERHEART (15): FBI agent Val Kilmer rediscovers his Indian heritage in South Dakota. Engrossing thriller from director Michael Apted, Stars Sam Shepard, Graham Greene 2636) MGM Tottenham Court



Depardieu: the discoverer 1492: Conquest of Paradise

UNFORGIVEN (15): Climt Eastwood's mellowed gunman is forced to resurrect his lethal skills. Marvellously resonant, reflective Western. Gene Hackman, Morgan Freeman, Richard

Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Empire (071-497 9999) MGM am Road (071-370 2636) MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

WHITE MEN CAN'T JUMP (15): Wesley Snipes and Woody Harrelson as basketball con artists in Los Angeles. Fresh, funny Americana Shelton, With Rosie Perez MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Plaza (071-497 9999) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

#### MUSIC

CLASSICAL

7.30om.

LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Elgar's stirring cantata Caractacus, a portrait at once patnotic and pastoral of the legendary British chieftain, is almost operatic in its musical and dramatic range Richard Hickox conducts the LSO and the London Symphony Charus in this verful and rarely heard music. Judith Howarth, Arthur Davies, David Wilson Johnson, Alistair Miles and Stephen Roberts make up a strong team of soloists. Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), tomorrow,

MEREDITH MONK YOCAL ENSEMBLE: Choreographer, dancer, singer and composer, Meredith Monk straddles the whole spectrum of contemporary Vant-garde performance. Nowher is this more clear than in Atlas, the opera she recently created for Houston Grand Opera. For its first British tour, her Vocal Ensemble will present the premiere of a concert version of the opera, along with the vocal piece Facing North. Monk will also be talking about her work.

Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 3800), Thurs, 7.45pm, post concert talk. Bath University, Claverton Down (0225 826777), Fri 8.00pm, pre concert talk at 7pm. SHOWTIME WITH BRITTEN AND WEILL An adventurous and intriguing programme that brings together excerpts from Britten's Paul Buryan and Weill's Knickerhocker Holiday and cabaret songs by both composers. The actress Angelina Réaux and Austrian composer, conductor and singer H.K. Gruber (baritone) are joined by two planos, percussion and the BBC singers. Tonight's concert is followed tomorrow afternoon (3pm) by a concert performance of the Threepenny Opera in a double bill with David Drew's Songspiel version of Weill's 1929 Happy End. Steaurt Bedford conducts the Britten-Pears Orchestra and singers from the

#### **OPERA** OTELLO: A welcome outing for

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Snape Maltings Concert Hall, tonight, 7.30pm; tomorrow, 3pm.

Aldeburgh Foundation Box

one of the Royal Opera House bankers: Elijah Moshinsky's sombre and reliable production; Sir Georg Solti in the pit. Kiri Te Kanawa as Desdemona, Sergei Leiferkus as lago, and Placido Domingo repeating his definitive account of the title role. Royal Opera House, Covent den, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), Fri, 7.30pm. **BLOOD WEDDING:** For her first opera, a commission from The Women's Playhouse Trust, the

composer Nicola LeFanu has worke with librettist Deborah Levy on an adaptation of Lorca's masterpiece. Taking place in the atmospheric warehouse setting of London's busiest film studio Costumes are by Nicole Farhi. Anne Manson conducts. Jacob Street Studios, Mill Street, London SE1 (Credit card booking 071-497 9977), Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 7.45pm. Further performances to Nov 7.

WOZZECK: David Pountney's stylishly squalid production of Beirg's harrowing drama is revived by English National Opera, with Donald Maxwell in the title role and Kristine Ciesinski as Marie. Coliseum. St Martin's Lane Landon WC2 (071-836 3161), Thurs, 7.30pm.

<u>ROCK</u> JULIAN COPE: The Liverpuditar pop maverick, who cut his teeth as lead singer of The Teardrop Explodes, has just released an emotive album, Jehovahkill. His tour offers new and old material. University, Bradford (0274 383300), Mon, 7.30pm. Royal Court, Liverpool (051-709 4321), Tues, 7.30pm. Barro Glasgow (041-552 4601), Wed, 7.30pm, Academy, Manchester (061-275 2930), Thurs, 7.30pm METALLICA: Visceral heavy

metal from the band with the pared down sound and monster riffs. Wembley Arena, Middlesex (081-900 1234), today and tomorrow, 6,30pm. SECC. Glasgow (041-248 3000), Tues, 6.30pm. Ice Rink, Whitley Bay (091-252 6240), Wed, 7.30pm. The Point, Dublin (010 3531 363. 633), Fri, 7pm.

**INSPIRAL CARPETS:** Providing an antidote to American grunge, the tuneful Indie guitar band have bounced back with a new album. The Revenge of the Goldfish. University, Exeter (0392 263528), tomorrow, 7pm. Rock City, Nottingham (0602 412544), Mon, 8pm. Com Exchange, Cambridge (0223 357851), Tues, 6.45pm. University, Leeds (0532 439071), Thurs, 8.30pm, Brixton Academy, London SW9 (071-326 1022), Fri, 7pm.

JAZZ HERBIE HANCOCK, TONY WILLIAMS, WAYNE SHORTER: A tribute to Miles Davis featuring three members of his original 1963 quintet plus former Jazz Messenger Wallace Roney and bass player Dave Holland. Albert Hall, London SW7 (071-589 8212), Thurs, Fri. 7pm. DOCKLANDS JAZZ FESTIVAL An interesting line-up at this year's bigger than usual festival includes Courtney Pine (Thurs, 7.30pm), the American sax player Joe Henderson (Fri, 7.30pm), guitarist Ralph Towner plus Bheld Mseleku (next Sat, 7.30pm) and the South African planist Abdullah ibrahim (next Sun, 7.**30p**m) Cabot Hall, Canary Wharf, Isle of Dogs, Landon E14 (071-418) 2783), Thurs-next Sun, Nov 1. -

#### SALEROOMS

MONDAY: Most print-collecting tastes should be catered for at Phillips with sessions ranging from Old Master to Modern at 10.30am and 2.30pm. There is even an etching such as Queen Victoria (up to £100). Phillips, 101 New Bond Street, London W1 (071-629 6602).

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY: A rale of books at Bonhams includes an album of Crimean War portraits by the photographer Roger Fenton (up to £800), Tuesday 2pm, An autographed manuscript of Act 1 of the best known play of the first world war, Journey's End by R.C. Sherriff (up to £700) is one of the highlights of a wide-ranging book, map, manuscript and autograph letter sale at Lawrence of ne, Thursday 1 1am. In the natural history section James Bateman's Monograph of Odontoglossum, 1874, is expected to make up to £3,000. Bonhams, Montpeller Str London SW7 (071-584 9161). Lawrence, South Street, Crewkerne, Somerset (0460 73041).

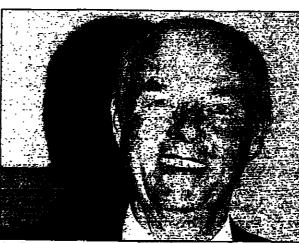
THURSDAY: A mixed sale at Hy. Duke in Dorset includes a collection of New Zealand paintings, a late 18th century Dutch painted and carved cradle, a pair of Regency Gothic side chairs and a collection modern stamps and coins. 10.30am. At the same time in Leicester, Heathcote Ball have a good looking early 19th century Noah's Ark together with other toys and dolls in a furniture and Hy Duke & Son, Weymouth Avenue, Dorchester, Dorset (0305 265080). Heathcote Ball. Castle Auction

Rooms, 78 St Nicholas Circle, Leicester (0533 536789).

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY: Rene Lalique and his fellow glassmakers feature in two essions at Bonhams and one at Sotheby's. As well as a sale of modern commercial scent bottles on Thursday, 1pm, in which he has

#### RAY COONEY ACTOR, DIRECTOR

**EVENINGS OUT** 



6 The one drawback of being in a successful play in London is that you don't get to see other plays. I'm determined to see June Moon which is transferring from Hampstead to the Vaudeville, so I'll have to go to a matinée. It's a revival of an American musical by Kaufmann and Gardner. In the theatre I do prefer to see light stuff -- you only have to turn on the television to see the depressing side of life. I still haven't got around to seeing the Sainsbury Wing at the National Gallery and their collection of early Italian paintings by the likes of Botticelli. I'd go for an hour to look at just three or four paintings. I don't like rushing around galleries trying to take in the whole lot in one fell swoop. The film Patriot Games sounds exciting. My youngest, son who's in his twenties sometimes drags me off to the movies, but to be honest, one tends to wait until they are out on video . . . ?

a place, Bonhams devote hemselves solely to Lalique on Thursday at 50m. On Friday, 10.30am, he reappears in Sotheby's built around the applied arts from 1880. Bonhams, as above, Sotheby's, New Bond Street, London W1 (071-493 8080).

#### VIDEO

BASIC INSTINCT (Guild, 18): San Francisco detective Michael Douglas and ice-pick murder suspect Sharon Stone ride a psycho-sexual rollercoaster. Paul Verhoeven's violent, misogynistic nelodrama scored a huge boxoffice hit; an unhappy sign of the

MEN OF RESPECT (Columbia Tri-Star, 18): John Turtumo in a version of Macbeth transferred to the New York underworld: a lively enough exercise, but a stillborn movie. Director, William Relly. 1991. SCORSESE x 4 (Connoisseur, 15): Three sparky student films from the future director of *Taxi Driver*, plus the 45-minute *Italian American*, a memorable portrait of Scorsese's parents. Available only by mail order (Connoisseur Video, 10a Stephen Mews, London WIP OAX), or through Our Price stores

UNTIL THE END OF THE WORLD (Entertainment Video, 15): Strangers, detectives, bounty-hunters and ex-lovers chase each other from Paris to Siberia and beyond. Wim Wenders' exaspera blend of road movie, romance and science-fiction. Solveig Dommartin, William Hurt. 1991.

#### **EXHIBITIONS**

ALLAN RAMSAY: Tris year's major Edinburgh Festival show arrives in London. Scots have always insisted a Ramsay retrospective would show him to be a portraitist on a par with his southern contempora Reynolds and Gainsborough and as a painter he can stand. comparison in delicacy of touch with the finest artists of the French rococo. National Portrait Gallery, St

Martin's Place, WC2 (071-306 0055), Mon-Fri. 10am-5om, Sat. 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, until Jan 17, 1993.

THE SWAGGER PORTRAIT: There has never — until recently — been any lack in British painting of portraitists ready to supply. something obviously impress for their patrons. Van Dyck was the founding father, his followers in the tradition range from Lely and Kneller to Sargent and Augustus John. These pictures are full of pride in position and possession. Tate Gallery, Milibank, SW1. (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 1Gam-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, until lan 10, 1993:

BIAN GRIS: The one leading figure of the Cubist period not yet collected together for ssment, Gris (1887-1927) is finally given a major ective of some 60 paintings and 30 drawings. This show concentrates on his Cubist work. showing the various offices in the evolution of his style. Whitechapel Art Gallery Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (071-377 5015). Tues-Sun, 11am-5pm (Wed to 8pm), until Nov Free admission on Toes.

HIKTYO-E PAINTINGS: Japanese pictures of the floating world" from the Edo period (1600-1868) are chiefly known in the West in the form of colour woodblock prints. But the same artists also regularly made brush paintings. often to private commission. Many of them concentrate on the semi-private world of the courtes and geishas. The two-part show has about 100 examples, in the form of screens, hanging scrolls and British Museum, Great Russell Street, WC1. (071-636 1555). Mon-

Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.30-6pm Part 1 until November 29: Part 2 WISDOM AND COMPASSION: THE SACRED ART OF TIBET: More than 160 rare paintings, sculptures and tapestries are brought together for this huge show of Tibetan art dating from the 9th century to the present day

Royal Academy of Arts. Piccadilly, London W1 (071-439 7438). Daily, 10am-6pm, until

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THE ART OF ANCIENT MEXICO: A selection of the finest. Mexican art with the earliest exhibits dating from ten centuries before Christ. Although the show coincides with the Columbus Quincentenary, it celebrates a dvilisation quite different from the culture imposed on Mexico by Spain, with exhibits ranging from austere statues of gods and goddesses to animal pieces. Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 3144), Daily,

10am-6pm (Tues, Wed, 8pm),

until Dec 6. THE PAINTED NUDE: Up until the time of Etty in the early 19th century the nude in Britain generally required an excuse, in the shape of a subject from classical myth or a Biblical story such as Susannah and the Elders, The nude in painting gradually be accepted in its own right, until today it can be the major preoccupation of a painter such s Lucian Freud without raised evebrows. This new display at the Tate, the second in the Crosscurrents" series, charts the history of this change from the gallery's own collection. Tate Gallery, Milibank, London SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-5,30pm, Sun, 2-5,30pm,. until Dec 27.

RICHARD SERRA CANVAS **DRAWINGS:** The sculptor has been making "canvas drawings" for 20 years in the margins of his major sculptural work. They are made out of Beigian linen, covered with thick layers of black paintstick. and out to shape as required on site. This show constitutes Brital first opportunity to see this side of Serra's work Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, London W2 (071-402 6075), Dally, 10am-6pm, until Nov 15.

MAYERLING: Sex, debauchery, depravity and death: with ingredients like that Kenneth MacMillan's ballet was bound to be a success. And deservedly so, for this is a tremendous work, full-

> choreographed. On Thursday. trek Mukhamedov makes his debut in the role of Crown Prince Rodolf; Viviana Durante makes her s as his mistress. Royal Opera House, Covent rden, London WC2 (071-240 1066) Thurs, 7.30pm, next Sat,

2.30 and 7.30pm.

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Fairy-tale: Samira Saidi as cold as ice, Snow Queen

THE SNOW OUEEN: David Birthey's pretty ballet, based on Hans Christian Andersen's fairy-tale, is evived by Blantingham Royal Bailet. With designer Terry Bartlett's plonious evocation of the Snow Queen's arctic longdom, the ballet may feel a little early for winter but it is sure to be a crowd-pleaser nonetheless. Sippodrome, Hurst Street, Simingham (021 622 7486), today, 2.30pm, 7,30pm, Mon 7.30pm.

DANCE UMBRELLA: This weekend there is the last chance to catch the American dance pioneer Merce Cunningham and his company at Queen Elizabeth Hall (tonight, tomorrow at 7.45pm). They are followed into the venue by another American, Stephen Petronio (Tues-Wed, 7.45pm), who will be using Stravinsky's Rite of Spring played solely on piano. If your tastes run to tap dance catch Transatiantic Tap at Riverside (Tues-Wed. 7.45pm). France kicks in Royalty Theatre: the Groupe Emile Dubois (Tues, Wed, 7.30pm), which is presenting the legend of Bagoust, which is bringing a Trisha Brown work as the highlight of its first ever visit to Britain. On Friday, ionathan Burrows starts two nights at The Place Theatre (8pm).

Dance Umbrella: Information on 081-741 4040. Contact individual venues for booking.

#### BOOKINGS

THE BOLSHOI BALLET: The New Year brings the Bolshoi to London under its renowned artistic director Yuri Grigorovich, best known for his "spectacle" productions such as Spartacus and backdrop created to reproduce the famous Moscow stage, the 160strong company offers six separate programmes of suites from such classic ballets as Romeo and Juliet and Swan Lake, and will give matinee performances of the full-length ballet Giselle. Albert Haif, London SW7 (071-823 9998), Jan 12-Feb 14, 1993. ANNIE GET YOUR GUN: This production of Irving Berlin's hit musical has successfully toured the regions and will open in the West End. The story tells of the rise of hilibilly Annie Oakley to become the star attraction of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, eclipsing the fame of marksman Frank Butler. The well-known

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classics include "Doin" What Comes Natur'lly" and "Anything You Can Do". The Broadway star Kim Criswell is Annie singing opposite Australian actor John Diedrich as Frank. Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, London W1 (071-839 5987). previews from Nov 19; opens **GEORG SOLTI CONDUCTS:** 

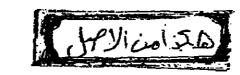
One of the outstanding events of the classical calendar this autumn will be the 80th birthday of conductor Georg Solti, In December he conducts Bruckner's colossal Eighth Symphony with the London Symphony Orchestra. Barbican Hall, London EC2 (071-638 8891), Dec 18.

ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET: The company's annual Christmas season at the South Bank offers the perennial favourite, The Nutcracker, Danced to the familiar Tchaikovsky score, it conjures up the magical world of toy soldiers and the Sugar Plum Fairy. Choreographed by Ben Stevenson, this version (premiered last year) aims its appeal at both children and adults. estival Hall, London SE1 (071-

928 8800), opens Dec 21. ERIC CLAPTON: The guitarist announces his annual residency at he mother-of-all-venues. Albert Hali, London SW7 (071-823 9998), Feb 21-23, 25-27; Mar 1-3.5-7.

CHRIS REA: The singer who scored a multi-platinum success for his last three albums, announces New Year tour. King's Hall. Belfast (0232) 665225), Jan 19. NEC Arena, Birmingham (021-780 4133). Jan 21, 22. Wembley Arena, Middlesex (081-900 1234), Jan 25, 26. G-Max Centre, Manchester (061-832 9000), Jan 31. deen Exhibition Centre (031-557 6969), Feb 15.

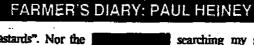
FUni: Geoff Brown; Theatre: leremy Kingston; Classical Music, Opera: lan Brunskill; Rock, Jazz: Stephanie Osborne; Dance: Debra Craine: Exhibitions: John Russell Taylor, Video: Geoff Salerooms: Huon Malialieu



## Busting to get noticed, like a Madonna of the farmyard

I here is a practice among the older generation of farmworkers known as "squaring up". It occurs when a freeranging mind connects with idle limbs to carry out some indefinite purpose. So one might wander to the haystack with a pitchfork and "just square-it-up". It would not be a tiring or geometrical operation, merely the flicking of wisps of hay with apparently little point other than the satisfaction of the man on the end of the fork. The haystack looks no better, but it is squared-up, and the man is happier.

I mention this only because I have been squaring up a collection of these farming columns, and they have been published in a book. I fear I cannot bring myself to read it. The memories are still too raw. I do not want to be reminded of the day the cows invaded a swimming pool, or various shaming incidents in-volving what my wife calls "those

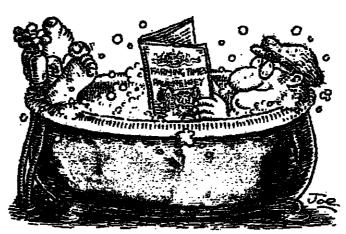


woolly bastards". Nor the state of hysteria I reached after growing tons of oats and finding myself unable to turn them into one bowl of porridge. Or the day all right, several days when we tried to catch the wild builock that had lived a lonely life on the marsh and saw no reason to re-enter society. As for the binder, why should I be forced to think of it out of season?

No, this is not a book for me. But do not let me put you off. I have many mouths to feed and sugarbeet nuts do not grow on trees. So I am going to have to indulge in publicity, hit the headlines and get myself talked about. I thought I might persuade this newspaper to sponsor one of its distinguished public debates, and have been

searching my soul for a burning issue. Alas, I find the only thing on my mind is whether I should lift the mangel-wurzels this week. But "This House believes the Mangels should be Lifted Now!" is hardly going to bring Fay Weldon and Lord St John to their feet.

I have been looking to other authors to see how they manage hype, and I have been greatly impressed by a blonde pop-star named Madonna. She has removed her famous corset and posed for photographs which leave little even to the dullest of imaginations fand which look, I have to say, terribly familiar to anyone acquainted with the mating rituals of the farmyard). Since there is talk of her book being banned, and there



is nothing like prohibition for promoting sales, perhaps it would work for me? Hold on to your hats; here it comes...

This week I am going to talk

cracking breasts on the farm this week: long ones; pencil-slim ones with delicate curves; some short and rather bulky ones; and a rare one that has been worn thin by regular use. Another is so massive handle it at all. Still, variety is the spice of life and during the course of last week I have handled them all, got the feel of them under my rough horny hands... How am I doing? Steamy stuff, eh?

These glistening, provocative breasts belong to my plough and I have been sorting through them to find one that will give me the edge in next week's ploughing match. I never knew there was so much to a plough-breast. It is an apparently simple, curved sheet of iron that inverts the soil as it slides over, but its apparent simplicity hides the poetry of perfect motion, for if the ploughman looks briefly away from his horses and furrow, he will see that the breast of the plough is no mere bully, coarsely pushing the land aside; the breast nudges the soil, presses and rolls it with the deft gentleness of a chef turning pastry. Long, thin breasts are the finest

that I cannot see how a man could because of the slowness with which they turn the soil, leaving the furrows unbroken. But a harder, more stubborn land needs a firmer touch and a short, brutal breast.

You can get obsessed with breasts: when I am alone in my study. I like to leaf through old plough catalogues, reading about drag chains, wrought-iron welded bodies and chilled breast linings. Sometimes I lie in the bath and think about Hornsby's Patent Self-

Lifting Arrangment, for hours.
Well, is that enough smut to get
my book condemned and sold by the million? I hope so, for I can think of no other way of drawing attention to this book. Not now that the Booker dinner is over and someone else has got the Nobel. The publisher did have another suggestion but, quite frankly, pictures of me wearing corsets and a ram-harness are not going to do anybody a favour.

Loch Leven is little other than a

sewer, reports

**Bruce Sandison** 

och Leven is one of Scotland's most famous and most studied lochs. It is managed as a national nature reserve, is a Site of Special Scientific Interest and has been designated a wetland area of international importance under the terms of the Ramsar Convention, signed by the British government in 1973.

The loch was given Grade 1 status in the Nature Conservation review, qualifies as a Special Protection Area under the EC Directive on the Conservation of Wild Birds, is the centrepiece of the Loch Leven Area of Great Landscape Value, and home of the RSPB's Vane Farm Sanctuary.

Loch Leven is also little other than an open sewer.

Last July, because of potentially dangerous toxic algal blooms caused by years of phosphates draining into the loch, notices were posted warning the public not to bathe or allow animals to drink the water. The loch turned bright green and anglers were advised not to eat

any fish they caught.
Traditionally, Loch Leven brown trout are of outstanding quality and fishing lots can bring in \$400,000 a season. more toxic, hundreds of fish have died and those which remain rarely rise to angler's flies, because of poor water quality and lack of surface insects to feed on. Consequently, anglers have largely abandoned the loch, leaving its 50 fishing boats idle for most of this season.

With diminishing catches, the loch's owner, Sir David Montgomery, in an attempt to revive angling interest, gained permission from the Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), an environmental protection agency, to introduce alien, hatchery-reared American rainbow trout, in the hope that these



Casting out in hope and sorrow: boatman Adam Dixon tries for brown trout in Loch Leven, which has been affected by phosphate pollution

will withstand the pollution. This has caused alarm among anglers who see the introduction of rainbow trout as sounding the death knell for one of brown trout fisheries.

Indigenous species of brown trout have survived in Scotland, virtually genetically intact, since the Ice Age, whereas most of Europe has lost its natural species because of pollution, mismanagement and, simply, sheer greed. Also, for more than 100

years the quality brown trout from the loch have been used to stock waters worldwide, its progeny becoming internationally renowned.

The Loch Leven's algal blooms are not a sudden occurrence. Research between 1967/1972 by the Nature Conservancy Council, SNH's

### Brown trout shun troubled waters

predecessor, the Forth River Purification Board, the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology, the Freshwater Fishery Research Laboratory, and various universities, showed that even by 1970 the loch was grossly over-enriched. Chemists said then that it would take 20-25 years for excess phosphates to leach out, provided all discharges ended.

But there have been 22 years of increasing levels of discharges as the population

of Kinross and the surrounding communities expanded, and the water treatment plants have been unable to cope. Tayside regional council water services department has urgent plans to improve the situation, funds permitting.

Growing public concern at what is perceived as the failure of responsible bodies to take action to prevent the de-gradation of the loch has finally prompted action. Working groups and study groups have been formed. meetings held and a Loch Leven Area Management Advisory Group has been set up with representatives of the SNH, FRPB, Scottish Office, Tayside regional council, an-

glers, scientists and others. This action is commendable, but too late to save Loch Leven from becoming a national disgrace. And, so far, nobody has addressed the real problem of why this was-

allowed to happen - in spite of the loch's international, national and local importance. and its many environmental protection designations.

Unless responsibility for the state of the loch is established. there is every likelihood that similar disasters will occur elsewhere. Indeed, there is already evidence that more than 22 other Scottish lochs face similar problems.

Loch Leven, once the jewel in Scotland's environmental crown, is dying, destroyed by decades of indifference. Only concentrated efforts above and beyond bureaucratic differences can save it.

The priority must be to stop continuing phosphate pollution, and then to restore water in the parks and on the quality. When that will be, on the best scientific evidence available, is anybody's guess.

Feather report

### Rush of thrushes

he winter thrushes are arriving in Britain in a steady stream. At night you can often hear the thin, slightly trembling calls of flocks of redwings passing overhead, and even see their dark forms for a moment against the moon. More often you notice fieldfares first in the daytime there is a sudden, loud "chack-chack" in the sky. and a party of nine or ten sweeps by, firm on the wing. Both species are coming down from northern Europe: winter is getting closer there, and the

scarlet rowan berries are all gone from the trees The fieldfares often settle in thick clumps of hawthorns, where they can still find plenty of fruit on the twigs. They are very handsome birds, about the size of a mistle thrush, and frequently sit on a top branch where the sun shines on them. Their head is bluish grey, their back chestnut, their breast a

yellow-brown and their tail black. When they fly off they also show a grey rump. Redwings are smaller and more furtive. Small, brown birds, very like song thrushes. they reveal their colours when they fly up. Under their wings and along their flanks they have a patch of bright crim-

As the weather turns colder they come more into the trees, where they fly in a wild, erratic way from treetop to treetop. Their call is common when they are feeding in the hedges, and is quite characteristic — a soft duck, like a blackbird's nervous cluck but much more

son; they also have a creamy

nasal, even faintly twanging. These are the obvious new comers from the thrush family to the countryside, as the last summer migrants depart.

But there are less conspicuous winter visitors. Little hy little the number of blackbirds

woodland edges is increasing British blackbirds stay in their summer territories until the weather is really hard, while the immigrants shift about finding food wherever they can. One of the most characteristic sounds of a frosty. sunny day is that of blackbirds vigorously turning over the dry leaves under hedges and trees

oft, indolent fluting marks the male black-bird's resumption of his breeding territory, but it will not be heard until the end of January. Our other two thrushes, the song thrush and the mistle thrush, will be singing again before long. however. Both of them are residents in Britain, with the population swelled by immigrants in winter.

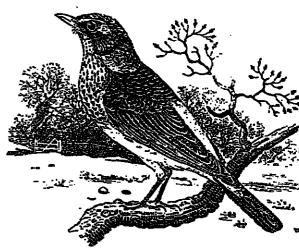
The song thrush is an elusive bird, though common-It feeds quietly in shrubberies or comes nervously out on to the grass. But when it sings it is transformed. Its voice rings out from a high bough, repeating one lyrical phrase after another, with occasional bits of gabble in between. It sings from November to July.

The mistle thrush, which is larger and bolder, and shows a flash of silver under its wings as it flies up, also starts singing on early winter days, a rich wild cry that falters strangely

at the end. Other British birds belong to the family of thrushes, more largely defined - notably the robin and the nightingale. But the six splendid birds I have described here are the classic thrushes of Great Britain.

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### Bird's-eye view from nature's bathtub

The bath or shower is a traditional place for songs of joy, or for pondering the mysteries of life. It happens that our shower at Mchenja camp here in the

Luangwa valley in Zambia is ideal for either purpose.
You reach it by descending ten steps carved into the living baked mud of the river bank. Three walls and the floor are also riverbank; the roof is a thatch of grass. The water descends from a pair of oil drums on top of the bank; beneath one burns an eternal flame of mopane wood. And here is the magical part: the shower is the same size as a

police box but. like Dr Who's Tardis, it is larger inside than TELEGRAPH This makes it Simon Barnes perfect for con-

templating the answer to the mystery of mysteries: the answer proposed by the greatest time-lord of them all: Charles Darwin. For the fourth wall of the shower is the Luangwa river: a magnificent stretch of this rambling, curving, ox-bowing waterway. As you shower, you observe the birds of the river and ask: "How many ways can you catch a fish? How many different beaks can you invent

to do so?" Let us start with herons. Their beaks are long, pointed grabbers, their ploy is freeze: wait: grab. Each exploits — at least in principle — different depth, locations and fish. But there is a degree of overlap, the more so as the drought bites

harder: The kinglishers have a different strategy for catching fish: they plunge into the river

like winged daggers. The yellow-billed stork waits with opened beak submerged; he welcomes little fishes in with gently smiling laws.

All these birds exploit variations of the long grabber. The

spoonbill does not. It sifts the waters with a great spatula of a beak. It runs about like a

maniac doing the vacuuming.
The skimmer has a bill still
more bizarre. The lower mandible is longer than the upper. It flies along the river, slicing the surface with the lower mandible. When it locates a fish by touch, it snaps. The open-billed stork has a bill like a pair of callipers. The mandibles meet

only at the tip.
The bill is de-BUSH signed for shellfish: the bird can locate, open, remove the meat

and eat a mussel without dropping it.

But the most dramatic fisherman is the African fish eagle, which descends on its prey like the wrath of God. grabbing it on the wing with hooked talons and tearing it apart with a hooked bill.

So many fish in the Luangwa: so many ways of catching them. Keratin - the material from which bills are made -- can be adapted to an almost fantastic extent.

Find an ecological niche, and a bird will find a beak to exploit it. All over the world their superb adaptability has allowed birds to find more than 8,000 solutions to the problem of existence. There is nowhere better to appreciate this than the Mchenja shower. • Simon Barnes is staying with Savannah Trails, Luangwa Nat-

#### Gardens to visit

☐ Herifordshire: West Lodge Park, home of the Beale arboretum, with a good selection of trees (all well labelled), including ancient strawberry tree, birch and hombeam collections. There are also many rare and unusual species, and at this time of year there will be a good display of autumn colour.

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devoted to ostrich,

barracuda and other exotica

he telephone rings in Si-mon Macdonald's tiny smokehouse at Glenuig. A customer wants a rush order of smoked alligator. Earlier, another regular had dropped by in a private helicopter for two packs of smoked mussels and a pound of Macdonald's Lochaber smoked cream cheese. A woman from Kingston wants next-day delivery of four sides of best smoked salmon - to Kingston, Jamaica that is, not the town on the Thames - and others arrive by yacht demanding repeat orders for smoked barracuda or a strip or two of ostrich.

For Macdonald's Smoked Pro-

duce — the only company this side of the Atlantic to specialise in smoked alligator - last-minute demands have become part of a daily routine. Mr Macdonald, who started in the fishing business, evolved the company four years ago with help from the former High-lands and Islands Development

To date, his penchant for the peculiar has led him to experiment with smoking parrot fish from the Seychelles, emperor fish from Bali, flying fish and frogs' legs — all of which are enjoying a loyal following in 36 countries spanning Beverly Hills to Tokyo. Smoked salmon, he thinks, has simply become too limiting: "Most smokers head down that avenue, but I was always on the lookout for something a bit different. It started with my Lochaber cream cheese. All the rule books said you can't smoke cream cheese, so that was enough for me to try to prove

He describes himself as a man who "since childhood has loved playing with food" — a culinary curiosity which has led him to keep



Smoking tonight: at his Glenuig smokehouse, Simon Macdonald often takes his cue from what the top British chefs are dishing up

British chefs, many of whom he regards as pioneering forces. So when fresh alligator started to appear on smart London menus, Mr Macdonald decided the time was ripe for smoking the beast.

"Fresh alligator is so tough, you could make car tyres out of it and never suffer a puncture. I had to work out how to get it to an acceptable level of chewiness," says Mr Macdonald.

The main problem was how to smoke the meat, given it had never been done before, but my experience helps me instinctively to know which type cf marinade to use."

Macdonald's smoked alligator is indeed acceptably chewy - perhaps not as meltingly soft as his barracuda, but with surprisingly less of a "bite" than his newest smoked product, South African ostrich culled from the farm in Oxfordshire described on these pages

Though the brines and marinades may differ with each meat, Mr Macdonald always uses the same wood for the smoking process American oak from old whisky barrels, which accounts for his trademark of fine delicate flavouring. Smoked alligator, originating in its fresh state from the same farm in Louisiana where Live and Let Die was filmed, has proved particularly popular with Americans. He smokes it up and sends it back, a development he sees as "rather like taking coals to Newcastle".

Nevertheless, the global demand

for these exotic foodstuffs has helped to free his business from the confines of seasonal work.

Working from a remote area, Mr Macdonald was keen to provide year-round employment for most of the residents of Glenuig, a northwest Highland hamlet which he describes as small enough in population to fit into the lower level of a London double-decker. His staff

'Alligator is not half as endangered as the person who has to feed the beast'

produce 3,000 princess scallops a day for British Airways long-haul flights, and supply smoked oddities to top hotel and restaurant chefs, and to stores such as Selfridges and Harrods, as well as meeting mailorder demands. A three-month contract with Concorde has just been extended, following news that the airline chef wishes to seduce high-flyers with smoked alligator served on a bed of scrambled eggs. Mr Macdonald enjoys supplying airlines because, he says, "you've

got a captive audience". As yet the company has no plans to launch the likes of Big Mac barracuda burgers. Instead, serving suggestions are kept strictly within the realms of haute cuisine. Alligator is particularly delicious,

Mr Macdonald says, served hot with a wild mushroom sauce and a simple side salad."I'm a fanatic with mushrooms," he explains. The same goes for barracuda -one of the finest of fish to work with. Try it diced into an amazing paté with a chanterelle and champagne - this works well with smoked ostrich too. Ostrich has a fine, delicate flavour - we use a lot of red wine marinade. What to drink with it? As much as you possibly can... preferably a Chardonnay for a complimentary

Smoked alligator and ostrich both retail at around £2.95 for a 20z pack, the meat being cut into fine strips. The prolonged aftertaste means a little goes a long way — consider 20z the equivalent of 12oz of smoked salmon, he says.

oaky flavour."

For the ecological watchdogs, Mr Macdonald has reassuring news. 'Alligator is not half as endangered as the person who feeds the beast. If anything, it's a species that is on the increase — and causing problems. The same goes for ostrich, which has been farmed for many years. Really, it's the ideal present for the person who has everything."

Simon Macdonald's Smoked Produce, Glennig, Lochailort, Inverness-shire (06877 266).

### Pumpkin man's big party scoop

growing pumpkins for the past er cent of his yearly crop for

Mr Bowman, who lives near Spaking in Lincolnshire, has supplied Tesco for eight years, recently. Usually October 31 brings his business to an abrupt halt. Try selling pumpkins in a wholesale marker in November. nobody wants to know," he says.

His one continuing outlet is a contract to supply the New Covent Garden Soup Company with pumpkins to make their fresh pumpkin soup, which continues November and into December. "I had to start

growing a different variety to do he says. It called Goldkeeper and stores.

Mr Bowman's pumpkin culture started almost accidentally from a fad of his father's. The family grew es, but as they seed, Mr Bowman senior would flick the occasion al numpkin seed in among the rest. Then in the au tunn when the other plants died back, there would

One day a mar-ket trader offered Mr Bowman Sr EI a pumpkin for Stock. After that the crop de-

Pinchbeck, paying £200 an acre for use of the rich Lincolnshire loam. He is paid 15-18p a pound by the supermarkets, which have been selling the fruit this year at 29p a lb.

After sowing, field pumpkins are undemanding until harvest time, Mr Bowman says. "We use no chemicals and do not irrigate. Pumpkins do not get many diseases, though we all five in dread of zucchini mosaic virus. which can go through a croo like wildfire. This year has been dreadful, with the cold and wet making the pumpkins late to over the place." ripen and liable to rot."

Mr Bowman was prompted

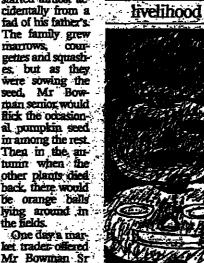
NEXT Saturday is the big day by his wife to approach Tesco as for David Bowman. He has been an outlet after she had read an article in a women's magazine suggesting that Britain imported a vast tonnage of pumpkins each year. The article was wrong: the figure it quoted included marrows, courgettes and cocumbers. But, as luck had it. Tesco was looking for British pumpkin suppliers at the time.

The more the fruit got into the supermarkets, the more in sold," Mr Bowman says. The trade was helped somewhat by the frequency with which Austra even more if they could do it a the right time of year," Mirseasons are all about face in

There's more to Hallowe'en next

witches. For one man it is his

week than



dessert fritters and Tirks turn them into candy. Britons habitually hollow them into Hallowe'en lanterns and then throw them away. Does Mr Bowman, then, pull eating pumpkins: nmner beans and

The French

DUITIDKINS:

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North Americans

make them into

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hef a Tesco survey which suggested that 85 per cent of pumpkins sold are not carved into lamterns, or turned into fairy-tale

carriages, but actually eaten. "If that is true, why is it that I have to shift 300 tonnes for Hallowe'en, and so few for the rest of the season?" he asks. This year seems to be worse than any I have known for people wanting to order at the last moment, but with Hallowe'en falling on a Salunday I am hoping there are going to be a lot of parties with big pumpkins all

ROBIN YOUNG

### TAKE A BOTTLE HOME

AND MAKE A MEAL OF IT.



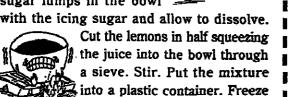
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### Go to work on a Spanish fried egg

many different kinds of influences, and takes advantage of high-quality, staple foods of great nutritional value grown throughout the country. In addition, Spain has developed its own individual cooking style, based on foods fried in olive oil, as well as different kinds

of stews and hotpots. Most Spanish people are pass-ionate about their cuisine. When they are away from home, they go to great lengths to seek it out - for some expatriates it is the only

element of Spanish culture that cannot be re-

overcome any possible squea-mishness about eating the ovum of a bird is of great advantage to us nutritionally. Perhaps it is the extraordinary aesthetic qualities of eggs when they are being cooked that encouraged us to do this. The writer Nuñez Alonso thinks we owe the discovery of the fried egg to its beauty — shin-ing, bright yellow

enamel framed in white porcelain - and even goes so far as to imagine the beauty of a vault decorated with fried eggs.

The egg plays an important role in the kitchen. It is very versatile, adopting different forms depending on how it is used. It can be used on its own or gradually added to other foods, achieving its greatest splendour in cake-making.

Throughout the history of cooking, the egg has taken on various associations: as a saving grace for abstainers at the most difficult times of their fasting; as a cure or source of strength for invalids and convalescents; and, strangely, as a symbol of the resurrection, which is the origin of monas de Pascua, buns encrusted with eggs. These buns are baked at the beginning of spring to coincide with Easter celebrations and so this symbol represents both nature's return to

**Lourdes March** on a simple staple

Alicia Rios and

of Iberian cuisine

life and the resurrection of Christ. In baroque painting, therefore, the appearance of eggs consciously placed in the foreground is much more than a decorative or anecdot-



Just desserts: apricot confection from Maestro Palmero's Café

fried eggs, but these, being usually one of the cheapest meals, cannot be said to enhance the status of anyone who eats them in public. However, a Spaniard will always opt for a couple of fried eggs when at a loss for what to eat. All restaurants are ready for this emergency, usually not even bothering

to list them on the menu. In Spain the ability to fry an egg has long been the yardstick by which culinary skills are measured. and it is therefore most derogatory to remark that someone "doesn't even know how to fry ari egg".

Eggs can be fried with or without puntilla (crispy edges) or abunuelados (encased in puffed-out skin). To make an egg with puntilla the oil must be very hot before the egg is added. Then a border of toasted lace will form, enclosing small bubbles of oil. To

avoid the formation of puntillas the oil should not be too hot and the eggs must be removed when the white solidifies. Abunuelados require a certain degree of skill as the amount of very hot oil required means that it is liable to spatter,

and may even catch fire. In Spain eggs are often fried with chorizo sausage, which gives them a transparent, reddish varnish. The morcilla blood sausage is actually softer texture allows it to melt more effectively with the egg yolk. Eggs may also be ser-ved with Spanish-style fried pot-

> mixed with the yolk to create a dish suggestive of the great Spanish potato omelette. A painting by Velazquez from his Seville period, An Old Woman Frying Eggs, fea-tures the various elements involved in egg-frying. Instead of the more usual metal skillet (frying pan), an

atoes, which are

thick and soft and

can be squashed

with a fork and

because it is more appropriate to the rustic nature of the scene. It is tempting to imagine that the old woman is going to make eggs with puntillas, because she is holding her spoon ready to sprinkle on the hot oil. This painting is an important record of egg-frying, especially as it is one of the few Spanish works of art showing the act of cooking.

Flamenco eggs (huevos a la flamenca

Flamenco eggs were first ealen at the end of the 17th century at a lunch held at the royal residence of Aranjuez, in a country estate called La Flamenca. It was during a hunt attended by Charles IV of Spain. The elegance and colour of the dish, together with the king's taste for it, led to its becoming a classic served both at home and in restaurants.

cup (3 fi oz/90ml) olive oil 1 onion (50z/155g), finely chopped 34 oz (100g) cured ham, diced small 11b (500g) tomatoes, peeled and finely chopped 34 oz (100g) pezs, cooked

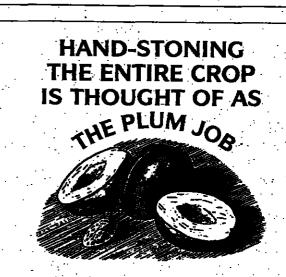
3½oz (100g) green beans, cooked 502 (155g) diced, fried potatoes 3½ oz (100g) chorizo (paprika-flavoured cured pork sausage), thinly sliced salt and freshly ground pepper

Preheat the oven to 350F (180C/gas 4). Heat the oil in a skillet and fry the onion on low heat. When it starts to brown, add the ham and sauté for two

minutes, then add the tomatoes. Let the mixture reduce, then add the peas, green beans and potatoes. Add the chorizo, season and mix well. Cook for a few minutes. Transfer to individual earthenware dishes and break an egg on to each

one. Bake until the eggs set; serve. Taken from The Heritage of Spanish Cooking by Alicia Rios and Louries March, published by Ebury Press (£25 from good bookshops, or telephone 0279 427203 to order).

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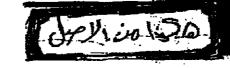


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# Mainly plain meals of Spain

Frances Bissell, the Times cook, offers a choice of simple but warming dishes



route leads from the cool Basque coast south to the high plateau of Spain, where the Douro river of Portugal becomes the Duero in

the heart of Castilla y León at Zamora. In the centre and south of Spain, baking and frying are the cooking methods most suited to the food and climate, but it gets cold on the high plains and can be miserably damp where the Pyrenees meet the Atlantic ocean. Stews, braised dishes and thick soups are served, all of which are perfect for late autumn cooking in Britain.

The ingredients are not expensive, this is simple cooking rooted in local foodstuffs and customs. Meat and potatoes, or rice, are the basics, enhanced by pimento and garlic, but not much in the way of herbs. A plate of salad, tomato and onion or lettuce and tomato, will be served as the vegetable dish.

In Castilla y León the pig is king, the slender Iberian pig which feeds on acoms and grazes freely in the oak forest. For fresh pork, it is killed when it is one year old, but for the famous jamón, it needs to be two years old. The reason the ham is so good is that the meat is marbled with fat throughout. During the curing process the fat liquefies, making the meat tender and giving it its unique flavour.

Jamon is likely to start any Castillian meal, with stices of chorizo and lomo, the cured pork loin, and some slices of queso de Zamora or queso de Castilla, which might be made of cow's or ewe's milk, or a mixture. The oveing (ewe's milk) is very good; hard and pungent, yet with a rich and satisfying flavour. That made by

Guzman is available in Britain. When I had dinner at Serafin in Zamora, where Elena Alonso Rodriguez is the cook, the starters were more ambitious and included mollejas (sweetbreads), pulpo (octopus cooked with oil, wine and onions), bacalao (peppers, onions

THIS week's food of any paella I have eaten. What made it so tasty were all the odds and ends of pork — ears, trotters, jowl — which together produce a lip-sticking sauce full of flavour.

As well as some of these hearty dishes, I have included in today's recipes some ideas from another Spanish tradition, merienda, ideal for cheering you up on a miserable day, but also for entertaining friends as an alternative to after-noon tea. Merienda consists of hot chocolate and light pastries, and occasionally savoury snacks. Empress Eugenie, the Spanish wife of Napoleon III, popularised this meal in Biarritz

The first recipe is based on the soup I had at Bodegas Los Curros in Rueda. Agustin Goytre, one of my hosts, was specific about the way the potatoes were prepared. After peeling, they were not cut but broken into pieces, by inserting a thick knife point in and levering off a chunk. The rough surface gives more area in contact with the

water, enabling it to cook through. It is in simple rustic dishes of this kind that one sees the pitfalls of trying to translate them from one culture to another. In Britain, we do not make this type of soup because we do not have a native potato which will stand up to an hour's boiling. Gardeners may well have exactly the right kind of firm. dense, waxy potato that you find in Spain and France La Ratte will work, Pink Fir Apple might, depending on where it is grown. The Potato Marketing Board recommends Nadine, which is

fairly widely available. Patatas con costil otato and spare rib soup)

2lb/900g pork spare nibs 4 cloves of gartic, or more to taste, peeled and sliced

4lb/340g firm tipe tomatoes 12lb/680g potatoes, peeled 5lb/230g chorizo sausage water, salt, pepper

In a heavy saucepan, fry the spare



and the potatoes prepared as described above. Slice the sausage, and put it in the pot. Add about 3-4pt/1.7-2.31 of water, and simmer for about an hour until the meat is tender and falling from the bone. Season after about 45 minutes. Serve in heated, shallow soup plates with plenty of bread.

Arroz a la Zamorana (rice and poris) (serves 6-8)

1 or 2 pig's trotters l pig's ear piece of pig's jowi 1 oz/30g lard l onion, peeled and chopped

3 garlic cloves, peeled and chopped parsley and oregano 14 lb/1 10g cured ham, in a piece 년lb/230g belly pork

I tosp alive oil oinch of mild paprika 1lb/455g risotta or paella rice, such as arborio or calasparra thin slices of streaky bacon to cover

tily until the fat runs. Drain Chop the trotters into three or four

jowl, and cut into small pieces. Melt the lard in a heavy saucepan. and fry the onion until golden brown. Add the pork pieces, and when browned, add the garlic and herbs. Cover with water and simmer gently until the trotter pieces are tender, about 2-3 hours. Dice the ham and the belly pork, and brown it in a saute pan with olive oil. Dust with a little paprika and stir in the rice. Add the contents of the saucepan, mix together and

bacon. Put the whole thing under a pre-heated grill until the bacon browns. Remove and serve. Chocolate Engenie (serves 10-12) 2pt/1.151 full cream milk 7fl oz/200ml whipping or single cream I vanilla pod or 3in/7.5cm stick of ciunamon or 2 blades of mace

cook until the rice is done, boiling

water if necessary. When cooked,

cover the surface with the slices of

pinch of selt 120s/340g dark chocolate, with high

Put the milk and cream with the chosen spice in a saucepan and bring to the boil. Break up the chocolate, put it in a bowl, and pour the milk over. Stir until the chocolate has melted and let it stand in a warm place for a few minutes to infuse. Strain it into a heated jug, whisk to a froth, if you like, and serve. This is a very rich drink, to be served in small cups. A less rich version, such as you find in most Spanish cafés, is made with chocolate and water and thickened with a little cornflour.

(serves 6-8) 1pt/5.70ml water 120z/340g sifted flour 2 free-range eggs, lightly beaten मुक्त वहार

oil for frying

icing sugar for dusting

The basic paste is made in a similar way to choux paste. Bring the water to the boil and remove from the getting them bone-dry and crisp. dry out thoroughly for 20-30 heat. Tip in the flour and stir Escumes are so quick to make that minutes. Remove from oven and of arroz a la Zamorana, the equal this off. Add the gardic, tornatoes, pieces. Trim and clean the ear and pinch of freshly ground black pepper vigorously. Put back over the heat you must put the oven on before cool on a wire rack

and mix until smooth. Remove from the heat and beat in the eggs little by little until the mixture becomes smooth and glossy. Spoon it into a large piping bag with broad, fluted nozzle. Bring a large pan of oil (such as sunflower or groundnut) to 180C/350F and pipe in lengths of paste about 4-5in/10-12cm long. Do not crowd the pan or the temperature will drop and the paste absorb oil. When done, taking no more than a few minutes, the churros will be crisp and pale gold. Drain on paper towels and serve very hot,

dusted with icing sugar. UNLIKE the churros, which are rich and filling, the next recipe makes feather-light sweet eats. Escumes (in Spanish, seafoam) are the speciality of La Estrella café in Sitges, Cataluña, the perfect place to go for merienda. The ingredients are egg white, sugar and almonds. The only difficulty is

you start mixing. Set the oven first at 150C/300F, gas mark 2, and line a baking sheet with rice paper or other non-stick paper.

> (makes 12-15) l free-range egg white 2oz/60g caster sugar 14 oz/50g ground almonds

Whisk the egg white until foamy and then gradually whisk in the sugar as if making a meringue. Gently fold in the ground almonds. Spoon the mixture into rough, craggy heaps on the baking sheet and put in the oven immediately, just above the middle. Bake for eight to ten minutes, until a pale golden peach colour, hardly coloured at all in fact. Move to a lower shelf, turn down the heat to 100C/215F, gas 2, and leave for a further six to eight minutes. Switch the oven off and open the door slightly, leaving the meringues to

### A sip of toasty smoky bacon

Jane MacQuitty

finds out how some of the leading wines

> get their smoky, oaky flavours

S moky wines: fact, or wine writers' fantasy? There are lots of reasons why a wine could be described as having a smoky quality but, unlike smoked foods, at no stage during production is it exposed to smoke-laden air.

Wine's smokiness, or lack of it, stems from three different causes: choice of grape, the soil the vines are grown on, and the oak barrels in which it is fermented, or aged, or both.

The French have the most

lyrical expressions for smoky wines. The phrase pierre a fusil. or gun-flint, is much heard around the Loire, particularly in Sancerre and neighbouring Pouilly-sur-Loire, whose wines are called pouilly blanc furné, or smoked.

These wines come from the sauvignon grape. It is this variety's subtle, smoky, flinty quality, I feel, that is noticeable wherever it is planted in the world, overlaying its more gooseberry-green, flowering current characteristics.

Certain soils accentuate the sauvignon grape's gunsmoke hallmark, particularly the chalky-flinty soil at Sancerre and Pouilly-sur-Loire. But if you look hard enough for it, a smoky, gunshot-like scent accompany every sauvignon, be it a humdrum Sauvignon de Touraine or a

First-class Kiwi version. If sauvignon is the world's smokiest white wine grape, then syrah is easily the smokiest red. Syrah wines have an unmistakeable smoky, spicy, peppery intensity. Some, par-



Art of oak: the wood used in the barrels imparts the flavour of the wine they hold

ticularly those grown on the steep granite slopes of the northern Rhône, even have a smoky bacon flavour. Sceptics need only try Louis Belle's '90 Crozes Hermitage (Oddbins £7.49) to be converted.

Other red grapes with a smoky edge include the cabernet franc wines of the Loire. and sometimes of Bordeaux. Here smokiness is allied to a dark, dusty-musky quality.

One of the world's most distinctively smoky wine styles comes from the sub-tropical Hunter Vailey in Australia. where the semilion grape thrives in its fertile, red voicanic soil. With age, at least five years, but, strangely, no oak, it transforms into glorious toasty oak flavours wrapped in rich. honeyed, lime-scented fruit.

If volcanic soil can deliver smoky wines, so too can the fine, chalky Kimmeridgian day of Chablis. Good chablis is scarcer and pricier than it should be. But the real Mo-Coy, grown on Kimmeridge clay, will in good years pro-duce lots of smoky, steely, complex, almost cheesy fruit for which devotees are happy to pay at least £10 a bottle.

vine lovers who grumble about modern lack of finesse and flavour with chablis will find the same criticism can be applied to the wines of the Mosel. The best, grown on steep-sided, slate-soil, sun-trap vineyards, offer heaps of steely, smoky, slate-influenced ele-gance. The worst Mosel, from low-lying, fertile fields, is sweet and sulphury.

Obviously, growing a smoky grape variety, such as sauvignon, in a smoky soil doubles the intensity of the resulting wine's smoky scents and flavours. But the most pronounced smoky flavours of all in wine usually stem from the stint it has had in oak.

Today, fermenting firstclass white wines, particularly those made from the chardonnay grape, in new oak has become an international practice. The oak flavours gained at this stage are often richer, creamier and more harmonious than those gained maturing in cask. Most modern wine spends from three months to two years in oak. Full-bodied reds such as Bordeaux spend the most time, lighter whites, such as vin de pays, the least.

But, as Robert Mondavi of California proved in his extensive oak trials, it is not just the time spent in oak that gives wine a smoky, toasty quality, but the manner of curing the barrel and the type of oak.

Whether the oak is mild and air-dried, harsh and kiln-dried, nutty Limousin or spicy Nevers, Mr Mondavi's trials also revealed the prime importance of the depth and intensity of toasting on the inside of the barrel, resulting from how long the cooper kept each stave over the flame as he bent and burnt the wood into place.

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## Salons of tea and empathy

London's contemporary salonières are

thriving. Robert Tewdwr-Moss reports

of Anne Cumming is writing up her life of sexual mis adventure, "is not so much patronage as one artist belping another. And, of course, it's good to talk with articulate people."

At the age of 75, Mrs Mason is

one of the most energetic networkers of all, introducing young writers, actors and designers to useful people at her crowded flat in Lisson Grove, west London.

Her first husband was a cousin of the Queen Mother, and her second, Richard Mason, wrote The World of Suzy Wong. She became notorious for her book The Love Habit, about her affairs with 20year-old boys when she was 60, and was dubbed the "Randy Granny" by the News of the World. In 1991 she appeared topless in the Sunday Sport.

Her campaigning television broadcasts about geriatric sex have earned her many admirers, including Alf. a dustman, and Cynthia Payne, the former brothel-keeper, who both appear at her salons, along with the novelist Paul Bailey. Alberto Moravia's mistress Daccia Maraini, the cook Robert Carrier, the poetess Fiona Pitt-Kethley, and Christopher Isherwood's biographer Peter Parker.

Mrs Mason's salon food (largely Marks & Spencer's best) is served on the local flea market's worst (mainly chipped blue porcelain), and she pours tea from an enormous, stained pot, her Chekhovian hairdo becoming more deranged by the minute.

She has a habit of introducing people by saying: "Have you met my Chapter Seven? He is now the Italian ambassador to the Gulf and lives in Dubai."

Anything goes in Mrs Mason's salon (someone who had written a book on body piercings once bared all), but she bans drunkards. "Alcoholism is such a menace; it totally distorts the personality," she says in Victorian schoolma'am tones. "And it always spoils the fun."

In the past, a salon was generally open only to like-minded people, usually artists or, as in the case of Lady Londonderry's, politicians. It was invariably run by a hostess who exerted influence over her guests. 'She could regulate the conversation," says the writer Sir Peter Ouennell, a veteran of Ottoline

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The main element of a salon," says Felicity Mason, who under the name Woolf's tea parties in Bloomsbury. "The salon of the 1900s was an

early example of networking," says Miranda Seymour, who has just completed a biography of Lady Ottoline. "Not only were Ottoline's parties tremendously stylish but they were useful. She would introduce an artist to a patron, explain-ing very clearly what each could do

Today, state funding of the arts. company sponsorships and growing publishers' advances have di-minished the need for a patron, but the idea of the salon thrives. Artistic types relish the opportunity of getting together to discuss a new book or play and the latest gossip, high and low.

At the salon run by French writer Jean Gimpel and his wife, Catherine, guests are introduced by their occupation. The couple hold salons for two seasons a year (January-February, and July-August) on Sundays from 3-8pm at their flat in Chelsea. "A salon should be regular, held at the same time each week and have a regular dientele, to enable friendships to be formed," says M Gimpel, who writes about medieval architecture

espite inviting many novelists to the salon, he never reads their work. "You see, I'm normal. I'm an extrovert. I have no need for the compensation of novels," he says. Nevertheless, he has several bookshelves of signed copies, and if he knows that one of the writers, such as Edward de Bono, is coming to his next salon, he displays his books on the sideboard for guests to peruse.

Other guests include Jung Chang (the award-winning author of Wild Swans), octogenarian novelist Vincent Brome, Robert Elegant, Paul Pickering. Ken Follett. Denis Farr (director of the Courtauld Institute), the environmentalist Edward Goldsmith (brother of James), and Carl Djerassi, the inventor of the Pill.

Although the son and brother of leading art dealers, M Gimpel is "against art and artists and the neoreligious cult that has been formed around them since the Renaissance. I will have no art in my flat. I prefer to look at my wife." Certain rules are observed in the

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The way they were: an archetypical salon devoted to the arts, captured in Schubert Evening, by painter Julius Schmid (1854-1935)



Lady Londonderry: an influential salon hostess whose guests in the early 1900s were mainly politicians

salon. People are always invited by

telephone. "If they bring a new per-

son they must bring them at three

o'clock sharp, so that we can get to

know them. We do get angry if they

don't do this," says Mme Gimpel in

a deep, treacly French accent. Their

only other requirement is that a

M Gimpel says. "If one half of a est should have "presence",

couple is boring, we cannot ask

A smaller, cosier salon is run by

the writer John Lahr at his flat in

Belsize Park, north London, on one

regular afternoon throughout the

summer. As with all salons, there is

a certain informality about whom

one can bring. John Lahr is the son

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them to the salon." .

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Virginia Woolf: one of the most brilliant salonieres. Her tea parties in Bloomsbury became a literary cult

of the actor who played the Tin

Man in The Wizard of Oz, and is

obsessed by the theatre world. His

salon is a lively affair mixing the

worlds of stage and literature — guests might include the actresses

Gayle Hunnicutt and Connie

Booth, the film director Karel

Reiczs and his wife Betsy, and the

poet Elaine Feinstein, plus a smat-

tering of lesser known actors.

Simple teatime food is served.

some brought by the guests. Con-

versation is entertaining rather

than frivolous, well-informed, chat-

"One of the problems with running a salon today", says Sonia

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journalists or art critics.

ty but seldom bitchy.



Felicity Mason: notorious for writing books about geriatric sexual adventures, but says she deplores alcoholics



Vivienne Westwood: the fashion designer and innovator of punk style, and the latest of London's salonières

Melchett, one of London's hostesses in the arts, "is that I have to be at home every Sunday. In the jet-set age, it is no longer possible to live like this. I also think most hostesses who spend money on a party want it to go towards fund-raising for the likes of Aids."

In a sense, if one could find a salonière today, says Miranda Seymour, it would be Lady Melchett. "She is the best example of the networking hostess." Her guests are the English artistic establishment, including Lord Weidenfeld, Harold and Antonia Pinter, Claire Tomalin, Michael Frayn and Kathleen Tynan. "But I always include young people in my

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parties who might be helped by meeting someone of greater influence." Lady Melchett says. When Vivienne Westwood, the

fashion designer, announced on Desert Island Discs that she intended to open her own salon, it took the literary world by surprise. "What do you expect she knows about salons?" asked one hostess. Under the guidance of her "guru" Malcolm, Miss Westwood seems eager to follow in the footsteps of Madame de Chatalet, Princesse de Polignac, Collette. Gertrude Stein, Lady Ottoline Morrell, Sybil Collefax and Ivy Compton-Burnett. Now there's a talking point...

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CLEARLY you cannot buy your way into a salon. The best way to get invited is to write a book paint a picture or compose a symptomy so brilliantly that no salon would be complete without you.

Among the clubs noted particularly for their friendly artistic atmosphere are: The Academy Clab, estab-

lished by Victoria Glendinning and Auberon Waugh, at 51 Beak Street, Soho, London WI. Membership is £75 a year (£50 if you live outside London). New members must be proposed by existing mem-bers. One of the rules is: "Members are expected to converse with each other unless seeking solace behind a newspaper." Another Acade my rule is that clothing should be informal, but shoes must be

● 2 Brydges Place, London WC2. Newcomers must be proposed by four members. Annual membership is £150 a year. Paded, chintzy Brydges Place is a private dining club frequented by many literati.

Other Landon salonières tend to be located in Chelses or the environs of Hampstead. They include Sonia Meichett. who presides at Tite Street Chelsea (Oscar Wilde's old street): Edna O'Brien who fives in a small, pretty house in Chelsea; John Lahr, who has a converted attic in Belsize Park; and Felicity Mason (see main

Shusha Goppy and Margot Walnisley, whose parties off Kensington High Street are deeply literary, include among their guests Sir Victor and Lady Princhett, Sir Stephen and Lady Spender, Lizzie Spender, Peter Vansittart, Professor Norman Stone, Professor-William Letwin and his wife Shirley, D.I. Enright, Anthony Thwaite, Sir Peregrine Worsthorne and his wife Lady Lucinda Lambton, Francis King, Arthur Boyd, Professor Maurice Cranston, Miles Kington, Miniam Gross and Fay Maschier.

Elsewhere, other hosts and hostesses hold court with all the real of the great salonières of the past, but few could rival the late Lady Ottoline Morrell, whose guests included Virginia Wooff, Vanessa Bell, Lytton Strachey, Asquith, Yeates, Henry James, Aldous and Julian Huxley, Katherine Mansfield, Stanley Spencer. Eddie Sackville-West, Peter Quenell and David Cecil.

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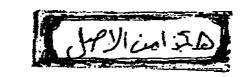
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## Game with more fun than scrum

Barbara Lamb on a player-friendly version of rugby for the very young

ix-year-old Eleanor Walsh. mud spattered and proudly sporting her black and white booped rugby shirt, exclaims: "I scored a 'try' but the referee disallowed it because Charlie passed the ball forwards." "She's better than any of us boys," says seven-year-old Michael Devine, quickly adding: "But they're not really girls, they're just players."

Eleanor, along with Eloise Coupe and Judith Waghorn,

makes up an important part of a seven-strong team of under-eights representing Milton Keynes at the first Mini New Image Rugby Festival of the season, held at Bedford Rugby Union Football Club this month. Five hundred children and their eager mothers and fathers turned up on a rainy Sunday — the wetter and muddier,

Not that the seven and eightyear-olds were likely to emerge from the rough and tumble with a cauliflower ear or broken nose, or minus two front teeth. Eleanor plays a safer, much simpler version of the sport known as Mini New Image rugby. It is being promoted by the Rugby Football Union for the very young and is being played in clubs and schools throughout the country. Since 1989 the number of children playing this form of rugby has doubled, and it is probably the fastest growing sport for children in the UK. Every Sunday a match is played somewhere.

Mini rugby contains all the elements of the adult game but with the rough bits taken out, and is proving popular for boys and girls to play together. In place of the aggressive physical tackle aimed to bring the opponent to the ground, there is a simple two-handed touch on the hips and the young player must release or pass the ball immediately or be penalised. Points are scored by pressing the hall over the opponents' goal line. This is the "try" and, under the new rules, earns five points. There is no goal conversion and no goal post as in the standard game, and for the under-sevens and under-eights no scrums and line outs.

For the older children, there are only three a side instead of eight in the scrum: no pushing, no holding and little danger of getting hurt. The most important skills are being able to run fast, and handle and pass the ball. As well as appealing to girls, it does not deter the boy who is less physically strong and might think twice about rugby as a sport, because here the strongest nate the game.

Milton Keynes is playing Long Buckby, and Lillian and Peter Walsh are on the sidelines cheering on Eleanor and her team. The players' faces are set with the determination to win, the rugby ball sticks to their hands like glue. "It's absolutely safe and she gets so much fun out of it," Mrs Walsh says. "Mini New Image is well scaled down - she can hurt herself just as much playing netball."

There are more than 2,000 schools playing this modified game who are affiliated to the Rugby Football Union, but there are at

least 1,000 non-affiliated schools also playing the sport. Barbara Griffin, headmistress of Danby Church of England School in North Yorkshire, is full of enthusiasm. She introduced it to Danby after attending a teacher-training course on coaching the sport. "At this primary level," she says, "there's very little difference between boys and girls in terms of physical strength. When it comes to catching the ball some of the girls are better. I find that our boys have

a very healthy respect for our girls. It gets rid of any sex discrimination." According to David Pale-Thorpe, the youth development officer at Bedford College of Higher Education who is responsible for the RFU in the East Midlands and Northamptonshire, there is a logical reason why girls take to this sport.

They've generally got good eye-to-hand judgment and so initially they are better co-ordinated. Girls tend to run faster and are keen to pass

As in standard rugby, the ball must not be passed forwards, only backwards or sideways. The art is to teach children to run towards the ball when it is thrown to them, and keep running

the ball, whereas the boys will wrap









rugby, and his first job is to the game. "If you ask children what rugby is, they tell you it's tackling, scrummaging, line-outs, contact. It's people running into each other. I say to them it's about running with the ball. They still think of it as a game for boys, that girls shouldn't be allowed to play. Parents need reassuring, too, and are usually happier for their daughters to play this modified game. Because there is no contact element it doesn't take boys long to realise that a girl might be an asset to their side.

"To start with, I tell them to pretend they are tortoises, because tortoises move very, very slowly and thing. They can play "midi" rugby,

Mr Pale-Thorpe says that child-ren have preconceived ideas about ears. This deflects them from their natural urge to push each other scrum requires at least three from each side, head adjacent to head and shoulder against shoulder.

Special courses are run to train coaches to teach this safe form of rugby. It is impressed on them that the first priority is for the children to enjoy themselves. The game can be played on most surfaces, on the sports field, in the playground, even on a wooden floor. Mr Pale-Thorpe predicts tournaments for the sport within schools in the near future.

Mini New Image rugby is not always enough for the boys, who are raring to get going with the real

which involves the full-blown tackle into the school curriculum last year and pushing in the scrum. Midi in response to pleas from the girls. The nine and ten-year-old girls rugby (for nine to 13-year-olds) has between six and 12 a side and involves handling, running, contact and kicking.

One of the jobs of regional youth development officers such as Mr Pale-Thorpe is to visit schools to describe the fundamental aspects of the sport, placing an emphasis on its safety. There is now a move to promote Mini New Image for girls in secondary schools, and it is already being played in some schools, although only on a small scale. The really keen players go on to play in Women's Rugby Union, aged about 17.

Caroline McGuckin, a physical education teacher, introduced it

rom Burgoyne midd Potton, near Sandy in Bedfordshire, love Mini New Image, although the boys get impatient to play the version that they watch on television. "Boys and girls at this age have the same opportunity to

excel at the sport," she says. A fair number of the children here who develop a taste for the sport travel six or seven miles to join the junior section at their local rugby club on Sunday mornings. "With my 12 and 13-year-olds I don't teach them as mixed groups any longer," Ms McGuckin says. "I like to introduce full tackling for the boys, who then go on to play the adult game. At that stage the boys develop more rapidly and their physical build intimidates the girls. hev are now more cana inflicting damage. I do feel at that age my boys are in need of full thoroughly enjoy the modified game. They also get the opportunity to run with the ball that they don't get in netball."

• Where to play: Consact your local rugby club to see if they have a junior section. Or write to the National Youth Development Officer, Rugby Football Union. Norton Thorpe Mills, Scissett, West Yorkshire HD8 9LA (0484

break the bank. Rugby shirt about £15, shorts £10, socks £5, rugby boots £20-35

#### Events

LONDON

☐ Chinese State Circus: A hit at the Edinburgh Festival this year, the colourful company of musicians and performers features hoop divers, contortionists, double-rope dancers, pole balancing and speciacular lion dancing. Clapham Common, London (Dial-a-Seat: 0260 271145). Tues-Fri, 7.30pm; Sat, Sun, 2.30pm, 5pm, 7.30pm, until

☐ Dragon: A new version of Yevgeny Shvarts's fairy-tale about a three-headed dragon, by Ultz and Alan Cumming working with and reggae rhythm-maker M.C. Kinky (nine years up). National (Olivier), South

Bank, SE) (071-928 2252). Today, Mon-Wed. 7.15pm. mat Wed, 2.15pm.

Il Breaking Boundaries: The Tricycle runs workshops on drama and storytelling from around the world (Mon, Tues, 7-12 years, 11am-4pm); travel and dreams (Wed, 3-5 years, 2-5pm); playarities, and performance (Thurwriting and performance (Thurs, 7-12 years, 11am-4.15pm); minotaurs and giants, preceded by Legend Theatre's The Adventures of Theseus at 11am (Fri, 7-12 years, 12.30-3.30pm).
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000), show, today, 11.30am and

☐ Museum of London: Half-term activities revolve around the new exhibition. The Purple, White and Green: suffragenes in London (1906-14), with design, collage and drama workshops aimed at 8 to 14 year-olds.

Museum of London, London Wall, EC2 (071-600 3699), Tues-

☐ Happy Birthday, Mr Bennt Celebrated with costume-making workshops related to the TV cartoon character (today, next Sat, 3 years and up, 1 lam, 2pm); and a museum mystery trail in which crime (Mon-Thurs, 5 years and up, 1 larn, midday, 2pm, 3pm). Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, E2 (081-980 3240/4315). NATIONWIDE

☐ The Witches, Bristol: David Wood adapts Roald Dahl's creepy

Parade (0272 299444), Tues, 2pm and 7pm; Wed, 10.30am and 7pm; Thurs, 2pm and 7pm; Fri, 10.30am and 7pm; Sat, 11am, 2.30pm and 7pm.

☐ Horsham: Musical adaptation of Kenneth Grahame's The Wind in the Willows (5 years and up). Arts Centre, North Street (0403 68689). Mon, 2.30pm: Tues, 11.30am and 2.30pm; Wed, 1.30pm and 4.30pm; Thurs, 11:30am and 2:30pm; Fri. 10.30am and 1.30pm; Sat, 10.30am, 1.30pm, 4.30pm.

□ Norwich Children's Festival Bodger and Badger Show (Mon. 3-9 years, 11.30am, 2.30pm): Simon Pitr's storytelling, word games and rap (Tues, 6-11 years, show at 11.30am, workshop, 2.30pm); the Musical Mystery Tour (Wed, 6-12 years, 11.30am, 2.30pm): of North indian song, dance and rhythms (Thurs, 4-7 years, 11.30am, and 8-12 years, 2pm): Pop Up Theare Company in Birdy, about a person who wants to fly (Fri, 7 years, 11.30am, 2000).

Arts Centre, Reeves Yard, St Benedict's Street (0603 660352).

KARI KNIGHT

### Drumming up a simple supper

to eating out and to quality food as well as motorway sandwich-type stops. Although it makes you a bit lazy, you appreciate even more the evenings in with friends. At our terrace house in Shepherds Bush, which we've just left for more space in Cambridgeshire, six for dinner was a crowd. The kitchen served as an office for Chris, my PA, and the work spread to the giass table in the living room. Our new house has two

sitting-rooms, a dining-room and a kitchen large enough to eat in, and I'm determined that it will be our home and nothing else, with outbuildings as workplaces. Greg Malcangi, my fiancé, is also my stage-manager, and when we entertain we only have music on if a particular piece is under discussion. After concerts I often receive flowers, an armful or a basket, so normally there are beautiful flowers around the house.

In spite of having space at last I won't be organising big parties. That's not my style. I'll love inviting our parents or having good friends here for dinner, but I don't intend to use the house for business entertaining. We can do that in restaurants; I enjoy trying

I love going to homes that are spacious, where you can move around with ease. There's one particular friendly-type business contact whose wife is such a good cook, and who always invites an interesting variety of guests. The setting is formal but the conversation isn't at all formal, and it's always a pleasure to be

When I entertain I invite my real friends, and they're not all musicians. One is a computer buff, one runs a computer ENTERTAINING AT HOME: EVELYN GLENNIE



Fanfare for food: percussionist Evelyn Glennie makes an appearance in the kitchen

who's a star in the kitchen.

shop, another is an accountant. My friends are really easy and they all mix in.
I hate cooking and I don't

work from any cookbook. Working full-time it has been impossible to find the time, and anyway I don't like cookng enough to spend a whole day or an afternoon at it.

ago, I haven't eaten red meat and I'm almost vegetarian. Abroad I relax and eat shellfish. Greg doesn't, he's a vegan on moral grounds and says he hates Japan because there's nothing he can eat there. I like the variety in Japanese and Chinese meals, and I love Italian food. I could get by on just pasta and pizza.

for cooking from his mother.

These days, people do complicated things with pasta sauces. but the one we like best is simple and it's one of the recipes that she was taught by Greg's Italian grandmother. Apparently, Neopolitans have something like 900 authentic dishes to choose from, and Greg's mother learnt her

Since coming to London from Aberdeenshire ten years spent every holiday there. He

home-cooking in Naples. He

has been producing this particular tangy tomato sauce for almost three years now, but he swears that it still doesn't taste quite like his mother's. We eat it hot with macaroni, or cold in avocado halves. When we invite friends it is usually for 7.30-8pm, and we serve German wine as an aperitif I stick to mineral Greg gets his enthusiasm

water but Greg likes wine, and

at dinner he usually serves something Italian, Barolo or I like to keep things simple

so we start with corn on the cob or maybe pasta. The focus of the meal, the main course, is a big salad. We serve it with Granary bread. We combine iceberg lettuce with carrots, spring onions, tomatoes, cucumber, celery, red peppers for colour, finely chopped apples (must be Granny Smith's) and dry-roasted peanuts for added crunch. I Sprinkle vegetarian cheese on top, and Greg's dressing is lemon vinegar, extra virgin olive oil, oregano, salt and pepper.

After that we'll have some wicked sweet, maybe Marks & Spencer's cheesecake, certainly with ice-cream, vanilla and strawberry, proba-

whatever coffee our friends vant to have... If we're on our own, I'il

potter about until midnight, and when we entertain our one o'clock. Apart from my real oatmeal porridge which I like to have in the winter months, everything has changed about what I eat, and at what time. My parents get uptight if I am not eating my hinch at noon, and my tea at five, with a "fly cup" at three.

Because they are regimented and strict in that way, they think that to entertain at 7.30 is complete madness: "You'll never be able to digest the food," they say.

Evelyn Glennie's favourite

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2 fresh basil leaves, or 2 pinches of dried basil salt and freshly milled black pepper Parmesan to sprinkle on the finished macaroni (or preferred pasta) dish

2 cloves of garlic, crushed

Heat the oil in a saucepan, add the garlic to soften for a few minutes. Then add the tomatoes, and stir in the tomato purce. Half-fill the small purée can with water and, stirring, add it drop by drop to the mixture. Add the basil. Simmer on a low heat for 12 hours, stirting occa-

sionally. Season with salt and smooth sauce is enough for two generous portions or for four starters. served on pasta. Serve grated Parmesan separately.

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## Digging around in past glory

Francesca Greenoak offers a short but vital

history lesson



Penelope Hobhouse

andscape history books never told me what I really wanted to know; the look, the smell, the touch of the garden," observes Penelope Hobhouse, one of our most knowledgeable and intelligent practical gardeners and writers. I under stand exactly what she means: reading tells you about the boomand-bust career of the tulip in 17thcentury Holland, and about planthunters of Noth America and Asia. What happened to the plants, how they were adopted into gardens, what the gardens really looked like, remains infuriating opaque.

I have been filling in my knowledge piecemeal from old nursery catalogues, journals and letters from the past and from landscape painting. Ms Hobhouse has been very much more thorough and systematic for the past two years she has concentrated all her energies into researching the part of plants in garden history, work which she says became obsessive —

"totally absorbing and enriching". She has pulled together all the resources of an already full and rich gardening career, her practical experience in the period garden at Tintinhull in Somerset, explorations of gardens all over Europe and in America, researches into old



Grounds for learning: Tintinhull gardens in Somerset, created by Penelope Hobhouse and her husband, the late Professor John Malins

garden books, pictures and histories. At one point she feared that such a rich diet might pall, preventing a spontaneous response to gardening, but greater knowledge only fuelled her appreciation. Her severe Ulsterwoman's face fills with warmth and enthusiasm as she recalls the pleasure of a particular garden during a recent visit to

#### BEST BUYS

GARLIC cloves should be planted from now over the next few weeks. Choose good sized cloves and plant them deeply, about 7in apart in a sunny place on well-drained soil. Garlic bought from a seed company is guaranteed virus- and pest-free, and varieties (such as Long Keeper) should have been selected for success in the British climate. It is also possible to get a good crop from a healthy head of garlic bought from a greengrocer.

The past is important in everyday gardening: ornamental plants, trees, fruits and vegetables have cultural resonances that extend for centuries and cross oceans and continents. Knowing a plant's native origins helps you to place it where it will grow best, knowing its history gives your appreciation of it an extra dimension.

As I plant my new tulip bulbs this

Clever cloves: plant garlic now

week, tucking them four to six inches below the surface of my heavy soil in sunny, well-drained beds, I shall think of their ancestors in Turkey and Asia, and of the narrow beds of Dutch gardens, with their proud and expensive inhabitants placed not in regiments as now, but separately so the individual beauty of form could be admired. Modern tulips which are

**WEEKEND TIPS** 

 Set up a thermostatically controlled heater in greenhouse or light shed, to keep the temperature above freezing.

• Prepare ground for new trees and shrubs, digging over, weeding and fertilising with bonemeal. • Protect newly planted evergreen shrubs and conifers with meshed wind break netting. Plant forget-me-nots, wallflowers and polyanthus for next year's spring bedding.

pretty and well-proportioned, such as the pink-flowered New Design with its handsome ivory-streaked leaves (do not be put off by the dull name), look their best, I think, planted in small open groups which similarly show off their elegance. Everyone knows how laws were

eassed restricting crazy speculation in tulip bulbs in early 17th-century Holland, but I found it equally fascinating to learn that Akbar III, a bold and extravagant gardener who ruled over Turkey in the mid 17th century, ruined himself in purchasing from northern Europe new tulip cultivars, plants which had originated in his own domain. A similar phenomenon happened with North American plants which became popular in their native country only after they had been accepted and cultivated in British

Plants in Garden History by Penelope Hobhouse is published this week by Pavilion at £40.

#### Alan Coren

Clothes

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little horse. kind of rotten joke get away with if you are feeling a little horse. You feel the little horse and you think, I am Jack the Lad, see my brace-let, see my Rolex, no, no, put that away, this is on me, ones all darling, trust mine host will not object to a plati-

anyway, about this new Porsche of

The little horse I am feeling is on my left breast, and am feeling him with my right forefinger. I can feel

him because he is made, I am told, of 973 stitches, and he is not just any little horse, either, he is a little polo pony. Or rather, a little Polo pony, because that is the name of the range he is at home on. It was created by, of course, Ralph Lauren, and it is the most famous range of menswear in history. If I walked down the street behind this little horse, anybody who knows anything would know instantly that my shirt was a Ralph Lauren. Even a blind man, were he to stumble against me and put up his hands to steady himself, would feel the little horse, and know.

But what else would they know? I know what they'd think they knew, which is, aha, this is the kind of man who wears a Ralph Lauren shirt. That is the reason I have not yet walked down the street in it.

I do not care for badging. If I carry a newspaper, I carry it so folded that its masthead is obscured: display your preference, and unwarranted assumptions may be made. Worse, warranted ones. For the same reason, I detached the manufacturer's fob from my car keys and prised the Florentine signature from my loafers. It's not that I object to advertising their wares, rather that I object to advertising that I wear them, since all advertising is designed to carry associative luggage (so I have also removed

the logo from my luggage).

And now I have been given a Ralph Lauren shirt. It is a great shirt, it is the colour of a

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weatherworn amphora, it fits a treat. and had I not been given it, i should lave had to pay £90 to buy it. But I done that, because it has the little horse on it, and the little horse announces to the world not only that it belongs to a for a shirt, but that the man wants the world to know he does. Furthermore. it announces that the man has Style; he does, mind, not have style, because if he did he would

not tell the world he maker close to There is also the problem of the Style

he announces ha has, for nothing in the entire iconography of chic gives off more ambiguous signals than to exude an air of unstudiedness these clothes which at first glance suggest an American fundbroker attempting to pass himself off as an English marquess may, by the second glance, have persuaded us that he is an English marquess attempting to pass man wearing it actually drive a roche and Cowdray Park, when he is not having his grapes peeled by a resting actress off Cap d'Antibes, or is he merely trying to give the impression that he does? Which of them would you prefer to be stuck in a lift with, anyhow?

And suppose it is some poor sap who happens to have been given the clothes by someone who thinks he is the sort of man who would like to be thought of as one of these, then how is it that he gave off those signals, when in fact he does not want to be thought of as any of them?

I could, I suppose, unpick the showed what I had done, and what would that advertise? A nerd so insecure he dared not risk the world's assumptions? One who did dare, but could afford only reject Polo stock?

It's a comfortable shirt, mind. Good to wear around the house. I could always pull a sweater over

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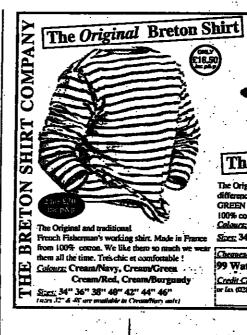
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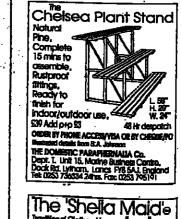






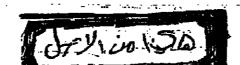


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How to make a maison a home

Terence Conran hopes the high style of his new Paris shop will lure the French,

Nicole Swengley writes

ow do approaches to furnishing a home differ in France and Britain? "The Parisian market is more sophisticated and demanding," says Sir Terence Conran. "The French have a passion for high-style, designed modern furniture. They like a mix of British comfort and European British comfort and European adventure."

Sir Terence has a vested interest in the subject: a new Conran shop has just opened in Paris. "We've talked for the past ten years about opening in Paris," Sir Terence says. "But we held back until the right premises became available. We admired this French site for a long time in the same way that we had an eye on the Michelin building in London."

The Paris shop stands on the corner of rue du Bac and rue de Babylone, next to Bon Marché, in an area that is a magnet for stylish shoppers. Slightly smaller than the London shop, it has a similar, open feel with goods displayed on two levels. The magnetic proposible for the success of the personnel. displayed on two levels. The man responsible for the success of the new venture is Michel Cultru "We will sell similar upholstered furniture to the London shop, because the French love that British attitude to comfort," he says. "But we will have more Italian and Spanish cabinet furniture, to suit the French taste for modern adventurous pieces. For example, we will sell the new chair Philippe Starck designed for Vitra which we would love to have in London but feel is too expensive at £180. in London but feel is too expensive at £180.

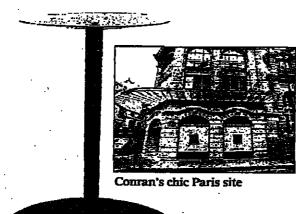
"French shoppers are less price conscious than their British counterparts," M Cultru says. "They are more interested in the fashionable aspect of their furnishings. They want them to be completely up-to-date, like the way they dress." Products imported to Paris from Italy or Spain will tend to be less expensive than in London, while a premium will be added to British products to cover transport costs.

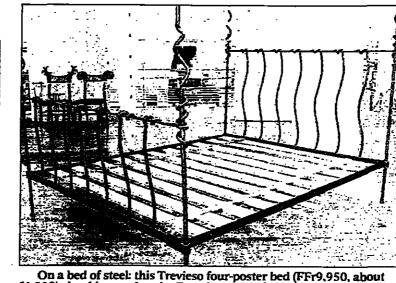
The Conran Shop in London is renowned for offering a taste of the sunny south. The Provençal look

is encapsulated in brightly coloured ceramics, baskets and wirework. But will there be any typically British products on sale in Paris?

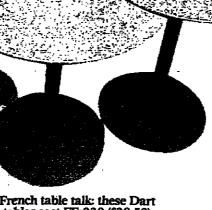
"Comfortable English sofas and chairs, traditional eartherware and traditional furniture, such as four-posters, kitchen tables and chests of drawers, appeal to the Exact h." M. Cultru gave. "Annuary Parisings also the French," M Cultru says. "Anyway, Parisians also need their injection of the sunny Mediterranean, so the shop will have all the Provençal items you can buy in London."

It will be interesting to see whether the French. Conran shop (010 331 42841001) develops a style of its own sufficiently distinctive for shoppers in London and Paris to exclaim "Vive la différence!"

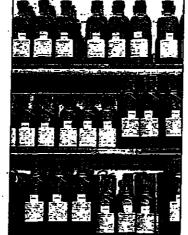




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WHAT TO WEAR

# The Aussie way to work, rest and play

Clothes designed to be tough

enough for the outback are

gaining ground as chic and

durable British weekend

wear, writes Ros Drinkwater

n matters sartorial it is hard to imagine what Anthony Andrews, the quintessential English gentleman, could possibly have in common with Kylie Minogue and a rock band by the name of "Bomb the Base". The answer lies in the far off Australian Outback.

Nostalgia was a key ingredient of Eighties trends; now in the Nineties, retro fashion has taken a politically correct turn with a demand for no-nonsense casual clothing, garments not so much designed as constructed for real men and women. Australian workwear. made with comfort and durability in mind, fits the bill. In increasing numbers, city gents are discovering that drovers' moleskins, stockmen's boots and shearers' jerkins are both smart and practical for British weekend wear.

While Marks & Spencer reports a brisk trade in loggers plaid (shirts and skirts), purists, including Mr Andrews, Bob Hoskins and journalist John McCarthy head for R.M. Williams in Regent Street. In 1932 stockman Reg Williams started a mail-order business to supply boots, tack and workwear capable of withstanding life in the Australian bush. A string of stores across Australia followed, and the first London branch opened in 1989.

Williams has built his reputation on fine craftsmanship: you dry without inner condensation, rabbit-felt bushman hats which work wonderfully in a British downpour, and Moleskin Riders, a welcome alternative to denims. The 100 per cent cotton jeans take their name from the velvety underfinish of the closely woven fabric. It was first imported to Australia by the early British settlers, but while the Brits traditionally wore the soft side on the outside, the Australians wear it next to the skin.



Williams, £69.50; moleskin waistcoat.

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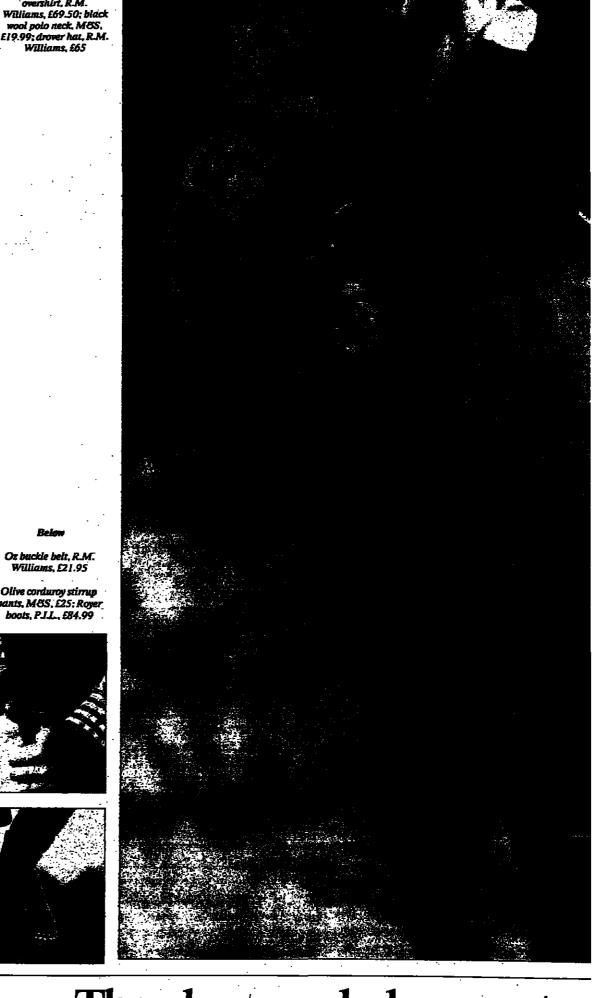
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shirt and the generously cut, wool and cashmere "Boy-Meanwhile, in Covent Garden, rock stars are buying friend" jacket, or, for the more adventurous, a 100 per cent up foresters' boots and miners' jackets. "Function as Fashion" is the logo of the firm P.I.L., wool overshirt in bright checks. Williams's best-sellers, however, are the boots, made from founded, like R.M. Williams, one piece of leather with a on the boot. Three enterprising young Englishmen came across a traditional work boot single seam, for maximum ety of styles and a wide range of while on a trip Down Under. sizes, widths and toe shapes. Convinced they could sell them in the UK, they returned with the distribution rights and literally touted them up and down the King's Road until. this year, they had made enough sales to open a retail outlet selling a wide range of boots and Australian work-wear aimed at the younger set.

A typical P.I.L. customer might team a carpenter's leather jerkin with a T-shirt, leg-gings and a pair of steel-capped boots. "In the current economic situation, work clothes strike the right note with our streetwise customers," says spokesperson Sophie Weitzman. "They've rejected the whole cult of the designer label in favour of practical clothes in natural fabrics. Kids who have grown up in man-

made fibres love pure wool." With that in mind, I'll leave you with a tip from an Austra-lian shearer: "Wool will not shrink if you wash it cold with as many rinses as you can bear, and allow it to dry naturally for the same amount of time it would need on the sheep's back." Plain common sense, when you think about it.

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ycling 150 miles through some of the most beautiful parts of England, with no traffic and hardly a hill to climb, should be an impressive yet easy adventure for a 6ft4in middleaged weakling; more Wimp's World than Action Man.

Furthermore, I could do it without the expensive, all-terrain-conquering gear that no greased-leg, head-down cyclist would use for even a ten-mile journey. I would ride the towpath of the Grand Union Canal, that Georgian-Victori-an precursor of the M1 run-ning from Birmingham to the heart of London. I had cycled the canal's towpaths in the capital, so visions of well-laid paths stretched before me. With an overnight stop, the trip might be possible in only two days.

Just in case, I allocated a week's leave. For three weeks before, I worked with a cyclerepair group to build a mountain bike, albeit three sizes too small, out of scrap parts. For carrier bags I had a pair of tenyear-old plastic panniers, only just held together by adhesive tape. Into them I jammed a spare set of clothes, a few provisions and basic tools, and some cameras to record my undoubted triumph.

I bought a train ticket to Birmingham plus a £3 permit for the bike, jumped on at Euston and, avoiding Brum's spaghetti junction of canals, took to the canal path a mile from New Street station.

David Altheer fully expected an easy ride on the 150-mile Grand Union Canal towpath. Now read on ...

This is the life, I thought, as I bombed along a path well-laid with paving stones and, a few miles on, tarmac. The sun was out and the bike was ticking along wonderfully.

It was too good to last. The tarmac turned to broken chunks of bitumen and stone, then I bounced through a series of potholes before the path turned to a rutted track, in parts only 4in wide. This

was not the idea at all.

Before long I had my first puncture, which I quickly repaired. Then I had another, and another.

The canal was now looking slightly sinister. Huge trees enshrouding it in a cathedrallike gloom were giving me a sense of isolation. I had a good map, but that did not show how far I was from the nearest bicycle shop should I suffer a serious breakdown.

I then suffered a serious breakdown: the roughness of the path and cut-down hawthorn branches tore the rear tyre to shreds. Fortunately I was near Solihull, and a kind pensioner helped me to get to a high-street cycle shop. I had

read in The Times about a new type of solid tyre, so I had no hesitation in forking out the £18 for it. At least that tyre would not puncture. By now the £5 rear carrier holding my panniers had snapped, but tape from my first-aid kit held

ack on the towpath, I Started enjoying the scenery again. Squirrels scampered up trees, herons flapped quietly beside me and swans and mallard glided up in the hope of titbits, as I bumped and ground under graceful bridges that were de-lights of industrial archaeology, some engraved with 19th-century dates. A kingfisher darted along the bank ahead of me. Canal boats chugged along. It was hard to believe I was travelling through one of the most industrialised parts of

Then I came to the Hatton Locks, known as the Stairway to Heaven, 21 locks descending south by 146ft over a distance of two miles. The locks were widened in the 1930s along with the canal,

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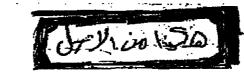
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### Toss a soft catch to the British

What is like rounders but gentler than baseball? A game that is a big hit on the home run, says Alex Ramsay

one are the days when English summer after-noons echoed to the gentle crack of leather on villow. These days the parks of London, Leeds, Manchester and beyond resound to the thud of leather on aluminium, as Britain comes to grips with the American phenomenon of

softball.

Softball is an institution in the United States and Canada. The painless and user-friendly version of baseball, it is played

by young and old. men and women, and is one of the few sports where the sexes play in mixed teams on equal terms. In Britain the sport is regarded by its detractors as rounders for grown-ups, and by its followers as the most fun you can have with your cap and mitts on.

The game first came to Britain with American servicemen during the war, but it has only started to boom in the past ten years, with the founding of local and national leagues, usually based around inter-company and inter-office competition. Now there are about 8,500 players (5,000 of them in London) with new teams and leagues being formed every "The best thing

about softball is there is a lot of immediate gratification; even if you have never seen it before, you can enjoy playing your first game." says Anne Dixon, the president of the London region of the National Softball Federation. "It's a very accessible game, it's good fun, very social, with a broad age range, which is why it has grown so fast. The beauty is that it can be played at any level, from the very top - and women's first-pitch softball is an Olympic sport — to playing for fun with a group of

The rules are the same as for baseball, with a few minor bigger and pitched underarm, the bats are longer and the people escape childhood without ar least one game of rounders, the basic concept

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will not come as a surprise to the average home-grown nov-ice. The batter hits the ball as far as possible and runs around as many of the bases as he can before the fielders stop him, by covering the base with the ball or catching him out. Each batter has three

Not caught out: accuracy beats strength

attempts, or strikes, to hit the ball and if he fails he is out. Once three batters are out the innings is over and the fielding team has a go at the home plate. The game is played over seven innings each. There are two variants of the game: slow pitch, favoured in this country, and first pitch, the harder, more aggressive version.

With rules as simple as this,

it is easy to see why softball catches on quickly. But once the basics are mastered the tactics begin. Capital Radio disc jockey David Jensen came to London from Canada steeped in softball and baseball history. Now that he is based in this country he tries to play as often as he can, in celebrity and

"A lot of psychology and strategy go into the playing," he says. "Slow pitch is not as

easy as it sounds. It's like slow bowling in cricket — you can do so much more with the ball. But the great thing is you don't have to have played it before to understand it. My British friends will come along to a game, try it and then can't wait to play it again."

Formation of leagues has transformed the game from a quiet knockabout in the park to a competitive, if social, pastime for many city businessmen. The biggest league in the

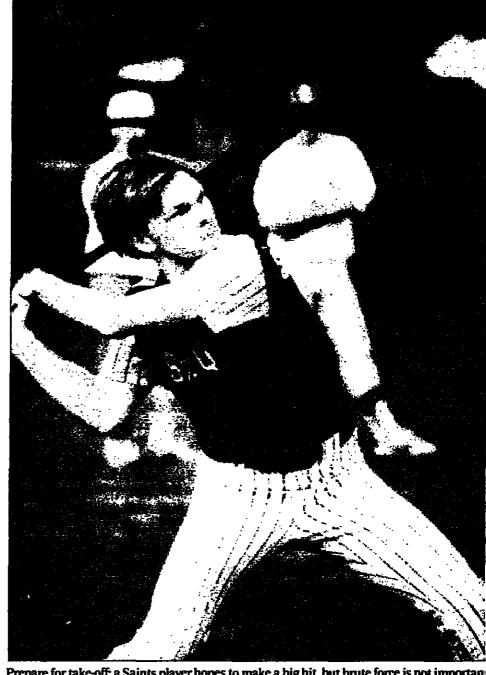
country was started by a group of London surveyors, and there are now leagues for bankers, designers, advertising agencies and more.

Chris January, the National Surveyors' Softball League chairman, got involved after seeing the game in Regent's Park, and now he spends every spare moment organising new divisions and new competi-tions. "All our leagues are mixed," he says. "Softball is great for getting everyone in the office together. The girls soon find that brute force is not important; hitting the ball is all about timing."
The basic equip-

ment needed is a bat, a ball and some markers for the pitcher's plate, home plate and bases. With gloves like baseball mitts for the

fielders - the team is ready to play. "You can spend a lot to start with," Mr January says. "But we try to encourage our new teams just to buy one bat, a ball and five gloves, so that when they meet their first opponents between the two sides they will have enough kit. or they can borrow some equipment from the regional

organisers."
Mr January also has some useful tips for cutting costs at the start. "You can spend more than £100 for the bases and plates, but we advise people to use anything from carpet tiles to car mats to mark out the diamonds if they want to try the game. Ideally, you need a to play, but space is adaptable and most parks are amenable to softball players."



Prepare for take-off: a Saints player hopes to make a big hit, but brute force is not importan-

Even fitness, or lack of it, is not a problem. "The fitter you are, the better you play," Mr January says, "It's best to be sensible and try to warm up before a game, but we have players of all shapes and sizes. and of every standard playing, and you don't have to be a super sportsman to enjoy it." Many companies actively encourage their employees to join a league to get them out of the or three times a week.

Once hooked there is no need to stop playing when the

summer ends. In London, Kent and Windsor there are thriving indoor softball programmes. Similar to indoor cricket, it is faster than the outdoor game, building up technical prowess and acc-

uracy for the coming season. "What is healthy is having men and women playing together," David Jensen says.
"With women on the team, the men don't play soft either and the guys out. Age doesn't Stadium in front of 20,000 matter, people just keep on playing. If you've got enough

room to lay down the diamond you can play anywhere. All you need is a bat and a ball and a few jackets for bases."

While Mr Jensen is keen to point out the enjoyment to be gained from the healthy pur suit of exercise, he carries with him a lifetime of watching his baseball heroes in action ir Canada. "My priorities are bit different. I will admit," he says. "Every time I step up to the plate I see myself at Yanke people." Everyone is entitled to their own field of dreams.

Bats are usually made of aluminium and can cost from £15 to £100, but £40 should buy a bat that can last a lifetime. They are as personal as tennis rackets; choose

■ Gloves are usually leather, costing £35 for a good

the quality, but anything over £6 is probably overpriced. Most large sports stores stock softball equipment, but it is best to sound out the shop assistant first to make sure

■ Joining a league costs from £15 a team outside Softball League will answer almost any question for the beginner, and the National Softball Federation can put teams in touch with the nearest leagues. Write to: Chris January, c/o National Surveyors' Softball League, St Quintins Chartered Surveyors, 33 Cavendish Square, London W1M 9HF (071-499 8626), or the National Softball Federation, PO Box 1303, London, NW3,5TU.

#### Softball facts and figures

one that feels right when you swing it.

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he knows the difference between baseball and softball.

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# long unit ways, one man and his bike



forry to barge in: but there are more ways to use the Grand Union Canal than by boat

A deafening roar to my left arned out to be the MI. a notorway I had often driven m without realising that such ranquility was available neary on the canal. In fact, it was o long since I had seen even a isherman that I was pining for company. Then I came across 1 small houseboat whose oung owner was brewing a not of tea. I stopped to join tim, a canal vagabond who with his dog was playing catind-mouse with the waterways

people, who were not keen on

llegally moored boats.

A long and determined push found me in the new town of Milton Keynes, where I had booked my first youth hostel stop. The canal winds through the northeastern corner of the town, and parks and new housing developments have been designed to make the waterway an attractive amenity. Rather than wait for the waterways board to improve paths, the planners have built fine parallel tracks in many sections, and I felt no dishonour in choosing to ride them rather than the bumpy towpath. My spine was certainly grateful. Now I was coming closer to

London, but the towpaths were still a mixture of the OK and the awful. Ingenious locks took the canal up into the Chiltern Hills, giving me unbeatable views across the landscape. But my body was again feeling the strain and, rather weakly, I. took a night in a youth hostel at the picture-postcard village of

Ivinghoe in Bedfordshire. The next morning, I rose early for the final push: 35 miles into Greater London, hat a recreational resource the canal banks are. If nothing else, I hope my ride will encourage the waterways board to upgrade the paths. At present, many of them are too dangerous even for walkers, who in places must be risking sprained ankles, if not broken legs. To its credit, the board is trying to retain the unspoilt character of the towpath. But it plans to promote the Grand

Union path as a walking route

next year, and for that it must

Possibly because I was travel-ling on a weekday, I saw few people apart from fishermen, whose conversation bordered on the minimal. "What are you fishing for?" I would say. "Ah," grunt, "gudgeon," grunt, "perch," grunt. "Yes," I'd say, well, good luck." Grunt. I passed through some restful country, gentle cow pas-

tures that reminded me of a

Samuel Palmer landscape and

lazily arching bridges that put me in mind of a Peter de Wint

improve the surface.
As night approached, I neared Harefield in west London. A barmaid at an old canal pub told me I was near a Tube station. That was enough for me; I had reached the capital. In three days I had nearly wrecked the mountain bike that took me three weeks to build, and my thin legs seemed to have used muscles I never knew they had. But I had

# Cheap but not always cheerful

A property bargain can turn sour when the bills for renovation start to

#### come in. Rachel Kelly reports

cottage on the Isle of Wight has two bediom, one reception room, nd views over the English hannel. It is also under offer. It may sound like a flash-

ack to the 1950s, but these e 1990s prices and the stuff 1990s dinner party chat. A rrace house in Norfolk, with Itline consent for conversion a two-bedroom cottage has a sking price of £10,000, wo flats in Newcastle sold for i.000 the pair. Britain, it seems, is a bar-ain basement with offers

alore for those who hurry to .y while stocks last. How out a studio flat in Cheltenam, Gloucestershire, for 9,950? (Contact Connell, 242 512433.) Or a oneedroom, two-reception maimette in Streatham, southest London, for £25,000? Vinkworth, 081-769 9070.) erhaps a terrace house in rewe for £15,000? (Bridg-rds, 0270 500622.) Details other cheap properties are railable through the Property id List, a list of properties possessed by lenders (0372 59111).

As John Moore, the Essex asinessman who bought the ewcastle flats for his son to re in while studying in the ty, said last week: "At that rice, I couldn't resist." A bit of sistance, however, may well : in order. When buying for ss than £10,000, caveat empr is an understatement, parrularly for those who have ever bought such property fore. Once the preserve of evelopers and small builders, st-time buyers and other omeowners are straying into action houses, lured by the ospect of buying repossessed operty in poor condition. In e past their choice would we been limited to the estate ents' windows.

In part this explains the Can't-afford-not-to-buy" adlines, as homeowners diswer that it is possible to part ith the price of a car and walk

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away with a new home. It is nothing new to the profession-als, long habitues of auction houses who remember past housing slumps and similar prices. Even in booms, property in exceptionally poor condition sells for a few thousand pounds or less, a reflection of the repair and renovation

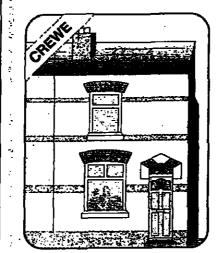
ake the cottage on the Isle of Wight. Perched on a hill on the edge of the town of Upper Ventnor, a favoured bathing haunt of Queen Vic-toria, the house looks reasonable enough. But the land beneath it is slipping on the local blue slipper clay. Even the estate agent selling the flat has to warn against its limitations, with a restraint untypical of his trade.

"It is not just a question of underpinning the house and filling up the cracks," says Chris Mackett from Nationwide estate agents. "The house is facing severe structural problems." An estimated £30,000 might have to be spent, and even then there is no guarantee it would be mortgageable or insurable. It could be £30.000 almost literally down the drain.

Just because a house costs a few thousand pounds does not mean it's cheap." says Mal-colm Hollis, Reading University's professor of building.
"No sensible person looks at
the price of a house, thinks of the amount saved on what the building would normally cost and then thinks, How

The challenge for the ama-teur is to work out whether such property really does represent a bargain. The graphic illustrates estimated typical re-pair costs for the £15,000 house in Crewe. Repaired, it would still be cheaper than a house in good condition in the same street. Professor Hollis says a general rule of thumb is that the ground a house is built on is worth 25 per cent of a house built on the land in decent condition. For examKESTORATION ESTATES & CO Estate Agents and Auctioneers

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ple, if houses in a street usually tween 600 and 700sq ft for a sell for £40,000 then the land small terrace house to several would be worth £10,000. many such houses.

Next, Professor Hollis calculates that it costs about £70 a square foot to build a house. Many houses for sale for less than £10,000 will be in such poor condition that the easy recourse will be to pull them down and start again. If you then work out the approximate square footage needed, which would vary from be-

Roof

Repair wall

Damp proof

New kitchen

New bathroom

Central heating

thousand for a large house, you can estimate the building costs for a new house. That can then be compared to the cost of buying a decently built house in the same street.

There are complications. Professionals will be eligible for economies of scale denied to the amateur. You will still need somewhere to live while the house is being built. Many will not be able to stomach the sheer squalor of the state of

"You may find that every bit of the electrics has gone, all the wires pulled out, the floor pulled up, and the past owners have urinated and defecated all over the house." Professor Hollis says.
To knock a house down

requires planning consent, and few councils will guarantee such consent before you become an owner - hence the extra care needed at auction when your word is as binding as a contract.

Even if the house does not need total rebuilding, costs rip out the interior before remodelling. "You should look carefully at such costs, which can add another 30 per cent to the normal building costs," Professor Hollis says. There is negative value, for example, in the need to strip out a floor lining before you contemplate the cost of a new one. "It's often cheaper to

build from scratch than to

remove existing fixtures." Buying a leasehold has its own responsibilities. Within the lease may be a duty to repair a building in a certain way to a more expensive standard than if you were making the rules yourself.

Buying a listed building is worse. There will be a statutory requirement to restore to the highest standards — witness costs incurred by Save Britain's Hentage in restoring Barlaston Hall, a listed Grade I building bought by Save in 1981 for £1 to save it from demolition.

The conservation body spent about £300,000 on researlier this year to James and Carol Hall, who plan to continue the work. "The simple message is to be

properly advised." Professor Hollis says. "Cheap may not really be cheap." Remember that at the next dinner party.

• Rachel Kelly has won the annual National Home Improve-ment Council's Journalist Award for her articles on property.

### Good prices in scenic hideaway



Stone set: this pretty house with garden is FFr240,000

The pretty little stone house above is about six miles from the picturesque red stone village of Collonges la Rouge, in the border with the Lot and the river Dordogne in central France. It is for sale at FFr240,000 (£29,450).

The property is habitable, with one bedroom, large kitchen/living-room and a bathroom, plus room for expansion in the loft and cave (wine cellar). It has an adjoining stone garage and a large

garden.
The UK agent is Barbers,
427-429 North End Road, Fulham, London SW6 INX (071-381 0112). Other UK agents with associates in the Correze include The French Property Shop, Wadhurst Road, Mark Cross, East Sus-sex TN6 3PB (0892 852449). Next door to the Dordogne, and just as pretty (you leave the A10 at Poitiers or the A71 at Vierzon, and then drive on country roads via Limoges to Brive), the area remains large-ly undiscovered by British holiday-makers and property

buyers, and prices are low. A farming area, criss-crossed by rivers and full of lakes, it does not deserve this neglect. Indeed, some of the most scenic reaches of the river Dordogne, between Argentat



and Bezulien-sur-Donogne are in the southern Corrère. offering swimming, fishing and canoeing from sandy beaches.

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Architecture in the alea is simple and rustic, with virtually all rural buildings built of stone. Property prices start at FFr150,000, which bus an old stone barn as big as a detached house, surrounded by fruit trees. A small farm-house needing renovation, with an attached barn and an acre or two of grazing and, can still be found for about FFr250,000.

Village houses, usually with two bedrooms and room for expansion in the loft, cost from FFr200,000. But expect topay at least FFr250,000 or FFr300,000 for a habitable home with modern sanitation. Larger restored properties with traditional features cost upwards of FFr700,000.

CHERYL TAYLOR

#### Buy now, pay half later

BRITISH buyers wishing to settle in France but unable to sell their existing UK home, or those disinclined to borrow, can take advan-tage of a new scheme devised by the French property agent Rutherfords wherehv the buyer pays half now and half in one or two years'

time (Cheryl Taylor writes). up of 5 per cent to allow for interest on capital appreciation. If property prices go up more than 5 per cent a year. the purchaser will have beaten inflation and covered the mark-up on half the price. If prices stick, the second payment will be slightly more expensive in real terms, but

the purchaser stands to save

up to two years' mortgige interest on half the price Of course, if prices fall, the purchaser ends up paing over the odds. The vendor retains the

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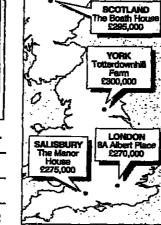
Rutherfords (at 7 Chases Manor Street, London W3 3TW, 071-351 4454) has 60 British-owned properties on its books for sale on this basis. With this sort of deal it is vital to check the asting price against true market value of the property.

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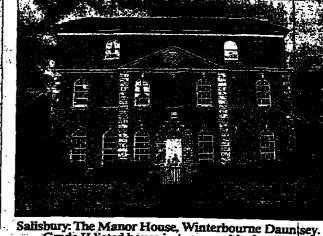
From an indoor pool to a loch,

dive in, says Caroline Morse

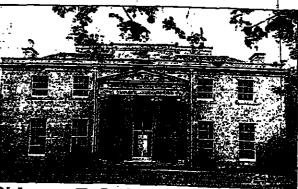




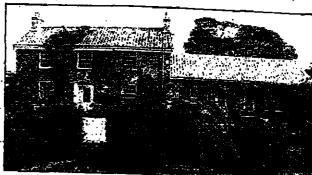
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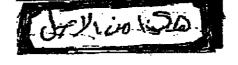
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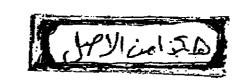
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## I'm not a child, you know

When does adulthood start? In modern Western society, nobody really knows, Louisa Young writes

uzzled when her 12-year-old son walked off in a huff, a woman asked: "Is that spoilt-little-boy or angst-ridden-adolescent?" A mod-ern Western mother, she genuinely didn't know, couldn't tell. There had been no special occurrence, no

rite of passage, to tell her.
Mircea Eliade, professor of the history of religions at the University of Chicago, says that the disappear-ance of significant rites of initiation is one of the characteristics of the modern world.

Were we the kind of society that does not qualify as "modern", we would have all sorts of ways of celebrating and acknowledging the vicious attack of hormones known as puberty. We would be taken out by our big brothers to kill lions, or dragged off by our big sisters to the special place for unclean women before being bathed and orna-mented and welcomed as a creatress. We might be ritually scarred or ceremonially tattooed. We might be married to the fiance who had been selected for us many years before. One way or another, all our friends and relations would know for sure that we were, officially, no longer children.

There are a couple of Western rituals that coincide but, compared with the activities of tribal societies, our modern Western ones are

A Church of England confirmation, for example, is rarely signifi-cant to any but those immediately concerned. A private reiteration of faith is a personal thing, and a rocking confirmation party is not common - perhaps because so few people are now confirmed, and if they are it is because the faith is important to them. People get christened and married in church because it is the done thing: confirmations have escaped that

The Jewish equivalent is the bar mitzvah (bat mitzvah for girls), a service where adulthood is acknowledged. There at least it is clear when the promotion occurs: at 13 you stand up in the synagogue. read aloud from the Torah in front of everybody and are then declared bar mitzvahed by the rabbi. Officially, you are now a man, or a woman, and can enjoy the party. There used to be no such thing as

adolescence, and puberty was not men-tioned if you were a girl, you were either a child or a grown-up; a daughter or a wife. If you were a boy, one day you were in short trousers, the next you were packed off to school to prepare for university/India/the family firm. It was obvious to everyone when the change came, and what signi-

course, were the lucky ones. The unlucky were down a mine or up a chimney all along, working like adults. washing clothes and scrubbing floors for children who were older than themselves. These had no childhood, let alone adolescence: they were too busy and too poor. Adolescence was in-

fied it. Those, of

vented, some say, in the 1950s, when it could be afforded. There was so much money around that capitalism produced this new type of person who would stimulate the markets. Teenagers would need spot cream, rock'n roll, hair spray and Lambrettas, it was argued They would crash their parents' cars and want to drink sweet cider. They would strive to be allowed to

do what grown-ups did. All good

for business.

But when does adolescence start? Is it an individual rite of passage that goes hand-in-hand with puberty? When you're born, you're a baby. You start to toddle, so you're a toddler. Once you talk, you're a child. But how can you tell if you are an adolescent? It certainly does not suddenly all fall into place on the eve of your thirteenth birthday.

Anyway, 1-3 is too late nowadays. Children reach puberty earlier and earlier. Our bodies know all too well how puberty starts. Are those physical symptoms our modern rites of passage? The furtive first shave, which we tell nobody about because our bum-fluff is so negligible everybody will how! with laugh-



Face-painting the world over: Western teenagers and a Sambura warrior in Kenya decorate themselves

ter? The first period, even more furtive? Modern mothers tell their daughters all about it, but only in private. There's no party, no public announcements. The rising of hormones is not an occasion for general celebration.

n other cultures this occasion is often marked. It tends to signify the direct opposite of the search for freedom we associate with adolescence. In traditional Hindu cultures a girl's coming to womanhood is time for marriage. In Islam it is time to take The veil at least allows some

privacy. In Britain we have instead embarrassment. Half the time it is not the youngsters undergoing puberty who are embarrassed by it, but the grown-ups around them. Western adolescents are concerned. above all, with their dignity and getting away with things - stretching the boundaries of their childhood and demanding the freedoms they see as adult. One woman insists that it was not her first bra or her first kiss that told her she was on the path, but the first time her mother let her go to Kensington Market on her own. In fact, it was the first time she ever went, because she was far too dignified to go there with her mother. People would have known

she was only, well, a child. It is a time of blushes. Adolescence is when we become selfconscious. The all-consuming tentacles of sex and love and crushes begin to wiggle and wave, we all want to paint our faces and make ourselves lovely. The paradise of childhood is gone.

There you are carolling away in the church choir when your ambrosial soprano suddenly turns into a badly played saxophone. There you are, lithe and agile star of the gym team, when suddenly your body starts to cover itself with fleshly curves. There you are, quietly reading your Enid Blyton, when a strange stirring moves you to fling it aside, go to the window and stare moodily out, wondering if you will

And you become conscious that grown-ups look at you differently. They know that you are changing. They look patronising. They say things which make you say things like: "I'm not a child, you know!" and "I can look after myself", halftruths struggling to be complete.
As an indication of status, there's

always the birthday party. Cakes and jelly give way easily to taking six friends go-karting or to see the new Disney film. Not so easy is the graduation to taking six friends to something with a PG certificate argument will ensue. Even that is a doddle compared to the first teenage party at home.

Perhaps this is the true rite of passage, the moment when a 13year-old can demand cider in the fruit cup and the right to snog. Just so does modern man. Professor Eliade says, see himself as an independent creature. As a society. we think we can look after ourselves. We think we're grown-ups. Meanwhile, somebody up there is probably gazing down at us with a fond and patronising expression.

#### MY PERFECT WEEKEND

#### GERALD DURRELL

Zoologist and writer

Where would you go? To an uninhabited, thickly for-ested tropical island with a splendid reef. I don't have a special island in mind, but one not covered with tourists who smell of Ambre Solaire and carry large and offensive radios. How would you get there? It would be an island without an airstrip, so I would travel by

boat, which I enjoy. Where would you stay? I would take the camping gear that I have used all over the world, including a tent, a water cooler and a Primus stove.

companion?
My wife — she never lets me go anywhere without her as she thinks I am feeble-minded and could not find my way out of a paper bag. The fact that I think the same about her makes us the perfect couple.

Who would be your perfect

What essential piece of clothing or kit would you take?
A loincloth in case of visitors and a top hat in case they are VIPs. What medicines would you

The normal medical kit that 1 travel with: it contains everything except an iron lung and a head transplant outfit.

What would you have to eat? I would cook fish that I had caught. I love cooking and would bring with me two huge hampers from Fortnum & Mason filled with masses of spices. curry powder, butter and so on. What would you have to drink? A large quantity of Moet & Chandon champagne and some J&B whisky.

Which books would you take to

Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable, The Oxford English Dictionary and a new book by Dick Francis, who is a splendid writer. I am extremely jealous of his success but, as long as he continues to write, will forgive him all his sins! What music would you listen to?

Beethoven, Johann Strauss and Eartha Kitt. What film would you watch? Citizen Kane, one of the most brilliant films ever made. Failing

that, a compilation of Laurel and

Hardy films. They were one of

the best comic duos to emerge

from Hollywood.



Hide and seek. What huxury would you take? Two large and good-natured donkeys on which to ride through the forest

What piece of art would you like to have there? The forest would be the art.

Who would be your least Practically any Homo sapiens you care to name.

Which newspapers or journals would you read? None.

What three things would you Examine the flora and fauna,

snorkel and make love to my To whom would you send a

If I had the energy, postcards to all the people I dislike most, "So glad you're not

What souvenir would you bring

A suntan. What would you like to find

when you got home? That all my gravely endangered animals, such as the pink pi-geon, Mauritius kestrel, babirusa and Round Island reptile fauna, had given birth to lot of babies; and that no one had written to ask me my opinion on London Zoo.

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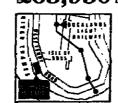
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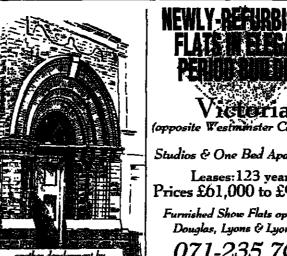
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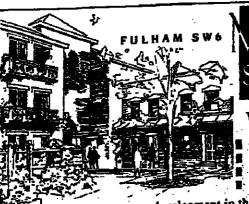
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## Dreams, drips and doggerel

Benedict Nightingale on the first

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Plymouth

ot wanting to start a diplomatic incident with Norway - whose government is reportedly backing the show, whose citizens flocked in thousands to a concert version of it in Oslo, whose journalists were doorstepping the English critics as they left the Piccadilly — let me be as generous as I can about the "operamusical" Benedicte Adrian and Ingrid Bjornov have German banker. Thus publicly ex-exported to London. The music is posed, Daniel takes Maria to a grim,

easy on the ear, and the leading lady still easier on It is no more fun both ear and eye. than, say, a tale of But Which Witch also has problems, social climbing starting with a title that seems odd and power politics and uninviting. What next? in a suburb of Where Ware, maybe, the story of a

very long hike through Hertfordshire. Or When Wen, about one man's heroic struggle with his warts. Or What Watt, a rock operetta about the anguished debates preceding the arrival of electricity in an undeveloped country.

That brings me to the second problem, which is that most of the time Which Witch is no more fun than, let's say, a tale of social climbing and power politics in a suburb of Plymouth: Who Hooe. The heroine is an Italian who has the misfortune to fall for a German cleric with a sister prepared to feed him a sleeping potion and accuse her of hexing him. And the operamusical ends in the same depressing way as the John Whiting dramaplay on which Ken Russell based a farnous moviefilm, The Devils.

I have nothing against depressing operettas per se; but they need imagination, inventiveness and other such commodities if we are to

swallow the pill without demur. There the book in which Piers Haggard has encased Adrian and Bjornov's original score seems wanting. Poor Maria, who wants only to have pillow fights with her chums and make love with glam Bishop Daniel, creates an embarrassing scene in front of the Pope while he is blessing her prospective union with a German banker. Thus publicly ex-

> grey castle presid-ed over by a sister who, as played by Vivien Parry, looks and acts like something from the Addams family. And from then onwards the plot plods for-ward with dogged predictability: actrial, and, as scene 22 is coyly described in the

theatre programme, "the pyre". The music seldom reaches as far into the present as Abba, and seems mostly to consist of pastiche of 19thcentury composers, Mendelssohn to Sullivan: but there are tuneful moments amid some pretty numbing recitative. The protagonists seem always to be singing things like "how are you. Maria?", "will you hear my confession?" "no, it's not convenient". And the lyrics, by our own Kit Hesketh-Harvey, too often dwindle into doggerel. "I am a priest, that is my life/And I can never take a wife", that sort of stuff.

The production, also by Piers Haggard, takes us from the Vatican (Swiss guards, nuns, sinister cardinals and a Pope like a half-witted troll) to downtown Heidelberg (merry peasants from Breughel dancing round a well, blind beggars trooping nastily past them). But the biggest



number is Maria's dream, which brings creatures with ugly mugs and plastic wings popping up from underground and even swooping across the stalls, while a giant skull trundles out from backstage. Perhaps if we believed in the main characters and their passion it would seem more blood-curdling, less preposterous.

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But Graham Bickley's Daniel comes across as a weak drip and his struggle between the claims of spirit and heart mere posturing. As for Maria, she is played by Benedicte Adrian herself, and emerges as a creamy beauty with a sweet smile, a crystalline voice, and a curious imperturbability when faced with mania-

cally scowling torturers and the like. Until very near the close, when she at last loses both wig and cool, her hair stays in place where yours and mine would stand on end. And if neither the loss of her beloved nor the prospect of complete extinction mat-ter very much to her, why should they

### Raising the barber's tone

Claudio Abbado plays tricks with the casting for Rossini - and they work

#### OPERA RECORDS

wenty years after first recording II barbiere di Siviglia Claudio Abbado has gone for something complenely different on his return to the opera (DG 435 763-2, 2 CDs). He opts for a soprano Rosina (Kathleen Battle) and a terior Figaro-(Placido Domingo). No cuts are made, so in comes the tenor's last-act aria and an extra number for Rosina, "Ah

But now, as then, Abbado himself is the main reason for buying the set. No conducmore to establish the standards for Ros sini, and all the old frzz remains, backed up by a spa-cious recording and the Chamber Orchestra of Europe performing

the thorough-bred it is when Abbado is in the saddle. The opening scene. with Almaviva and Figaro. discussing how best to get within wooing distance of

Rosina, causes identification problems. Frank Lopardo's voice has darkened considerably since Abbado cast him in L'italiana, while Domingo, try as he might, still has a tenor's vocal shading. So a baritonal tenor plots with a tenorial baritone. But once the partners go their separate ways there are no

obstacles. Lopardo displays

keen, virile tone in "Cessa di

piu", and, while Domingo

may not be among the world's

great Figaros, his performance

is one of resourceful good Kathleen Battle's Rosina benefits from her extra aria, a

lengthy one with demanding

coloratura runs, which shows reluctant ward. She responds with alacrity: a Rosina to have and to hold Lucio Gallo dispenses with the regular huffing and puffing Bartolo and replaces him with an angrier, jealous maie. Only Ruggero Raimondi stays with convention and there is no faulting his Basilio, who can turn a breath of rumour into a whirlwind of fact.

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so singing. And in this area Marriner, with his Academy of St Martin in the Fields, is almost as great an expert as Abbado. As Fiorilla, Sumi Jo could

rage and storm a bit more in Act It when disputing propri-etorship of Selim the Turk with her rival Zaida (the excellent, but also quite cool. Susanne Mentzer). But she is a true coloratura, with her soprano running up and down the scales like a piccolo.

Simone Alaimo is the grave ly distinguished Selim, mildly surprised that Italian husbands do not sell off any troublesome wife. This he mentions to Fiorilla's gloomy spouse (Enrico Fissore) in one of the opera's best duets.

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or too long now the clarinet has had the frail look of an endangered species. Older exponents can still be sighted here and there, but the general impression is that the instrument has steadily been going the way of the pianola. The obituaries should not

be written just yet, however. The American virtuoso Eddie Daniels has just issued an ultra-slick collection of pieces associated with Benny Goodman. Even more encouraging has been the arrival of Ken Peplowski, a reeds player who already looks like becoming one of the most congenial musicians of the 1990s. A veteran of several big

bands, Peplowski belongs to the pool of infinitely tasteful, thirtysomething improvisers who, instead of specialising in one narrow idiom, see noth-ing wrong in shifting back and forth across the spectrum. The repertoire on The Natural Touch (Concord CCD4517), for example, spans 70 years and includes one or two show tunes that rarely see the light of day. His work combines grit and

lyricism in roughly equal mea-sure, and he establishes his modernist credentials with a deft rendering of the stop-go theme of Monk's "Evidence Hugely popular in the 1970s, the partnership of Michael and Randy, the Brecker Brothers (saxophone and trumpet respectively) epitomised the lucrative, high-decibel fusion of that unhappy decade. Fifteen years on the pseudo-funk of Return of the Brecker Broth-ers (GRP Records 96842) sounds even more superficial than it did at the time, despite

the latest high-tech trappings. The Crusaders' urbane approach to crossover jazz has proved rather more resilient, as the compilation The Golden Years (GRP 50072) demonstrates. A triple-disc set is an over-generous helping perhaps, but even the more mundane numbers are usually lifted by Wilton Felder's wailing tenor saxophone.

CLIVE DAVIS

Two rap divas unveil new albums, with mixed success

### The raw and the cooking

fter the libidinous ex-Acesses of Prince and Madorina it is a shock to find a pop star daring enough to decorate her album with pictures of herself hanging out the washing. But if anyone can carry off such an explicit display of domesticity it is the Anglo-Afro-Swedish-American homegirl Neneh Cherry. Her second album. Home-

brew (Circa CIRCD 25), is hardly less exotic than her twomillion-selling debut Raw Like Sushi. Once again a skimpy, home-studio production yields a seamless mix of rap, rock and soul melody with arrangements which reverberate to the sound of boom-box rhythms and drum samples from scratchy old records (strange that this trick should become so fashionable now that the majority of albums are purchased in pristine CD).

Among the highlights are the crunchy riffing of "Money Love" and a song called Trout, which features a vocal-cum-rap from R.E.M.'s Michael Stipe, underlining the need for improved sex education in schools.

But while the message is from the heart, the album lacks a sense of urgency. There are several comparatively slight tunes and too many songs in a slow or introspective vein. Somewhere along the



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line the stunning vitality which Cherry exhibited on Raw Like Sushi has been allowed to drain away. This is not a mistake which

Betty Boo has made. Grit It's Betty Boo (WEA 4509-90908-2), the follow-up to her plati-

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num debut Boomania, is as sweet and silly as the day is long. A mixture of sprightly dance beats and kitsch girlie rap. Boo's music is nevertheless more sophisticated than it seems. While, all around her, pop stars are busy putting on airs, Boo imbues her music

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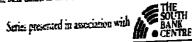
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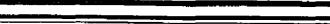
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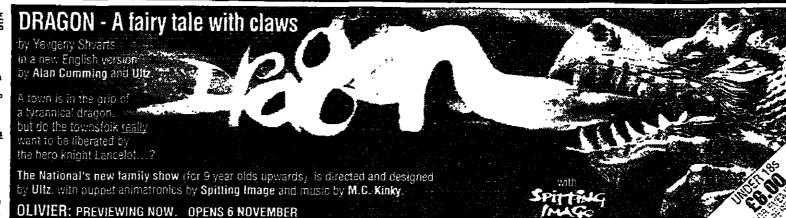


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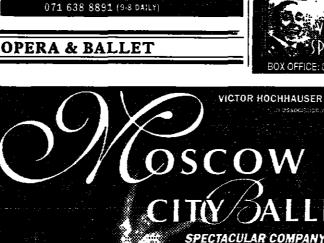
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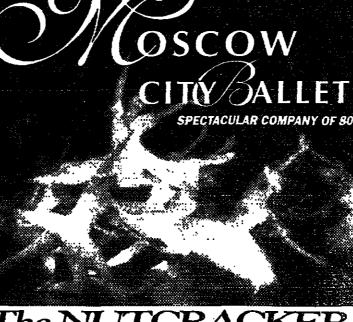
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Times readers are also offered three beautifully produced Johansens guides at an exclusive price of £25, a saving of £8.85 on the normai price (see below). Full details of how to apply for your Times Privilege Card, including an application form, appear on

Johansens Hotels cover an enormous range of countryside and tradition, as this selection of three demonstrates

## A gathering in the Scottish Highlands

sk a small child on Royal Deeside who built the pyramids and you are likely to get the answer "Queen Victoria". The presence of the old queen remains powerful in the Highlands but it is still a surprising answer. Then you realise that around Balmoral the pyramids don't mean the marvels of Gizeh but the pointed stone structures Victoria had erected on top of the hills round her Scottish home.

She rode up many of those hills, accompanied by her Highland servant and good friend John Brown. As she conquered a summit she ordered a pyramid to mark the ascent, generally dedicated to one of her nine children.

There are plenty of hills to choose from in what Victoria called her "dear Paradise". I chose to climb Craigendarroch, which means Hill of the Oaks, though in my case it turned out to be Hill of the

The name attracted, but a more powerful pull was the superb Craigendarroch Hotel and Country Club and the nearnesss to Braemar, for I went to the Gathering, held each year on the first Saturday in September.

There has been a house on Craigendarroch for 100 years, but it has become a luxury hotel only in the last eight. The views are grand - when the Prince of Wales dines there as Colonel-in-Chief of the Gordon Highlanders he can see Lochnagar, whose Old Man he celebrated in print - and so is the food in The Oaks restaurant.

is on the doorstep, too. Just a few guests in swimsuits from the pretty

Frances Dean

spends a weekend sampling whisky, mushrooms and

hospitality north of

the border

hours after flying to Aberdeen from Heathrow I was walking in the hills and looking down on the loch. Brown peaty streams feed into it. I tasted the whisky-coloured water and it was fine, though my hus-band claimed the rivulet was probably dammed upstream by a

Soon after that we found the mushrooms, masses of smooth brown boleti, or ceps, camouflaged in earth and dead leaves. We carried armfuls — including the biggest, fattest specimen I had seen in Europe, a monstrous mushroom, a fabulous fungus — back to the botel kitchens and demanded they cook them for our dinner.

Then we discovered boleti had come out like a plague. They were everywhere, surrounding the dry ski slope, erupting from the grass outside the back door of our room. We felt just a little silly about carrying our hoard back, but all

As the first course of dinner was served in The Oaks that night there was a fire alarm. Guests in evening Loch Muick (pronounced Mick) clothes from the restaurants and

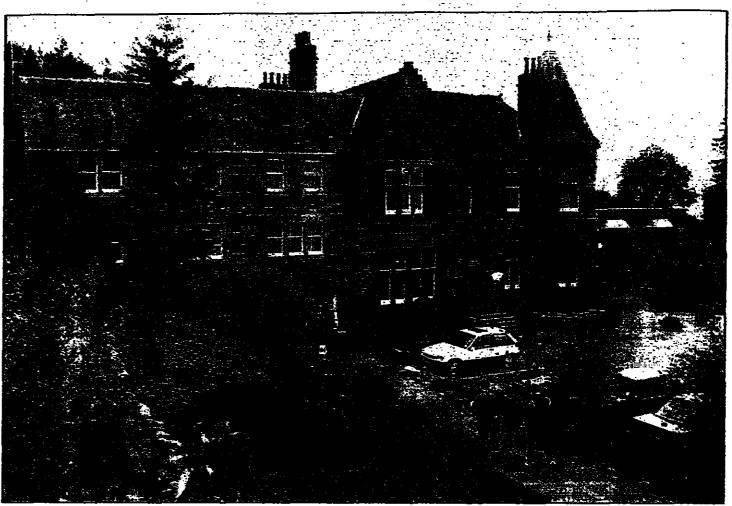
There was no fire, of course. An overkeen smoke detector had needlessly set off the alarm, but the delay had spoiled a gently simmering dish of fish and ceps. Our monster mushroom, finely sliced, trium-phantly took over in the replace-

Next day was Braemar, with large and hairy Highlanders hurling telegraph poles, and men in kilts and curious woollen bloomers wrestling with each other. I said I'd heard the hotel had a tent there and was gently reproved. It was a luxury marquee, not a tent. And so it was, crisp with snowy white nanery. resplendent with a carved ice swan. The food was wonderful and champagne and malt whisky flowed in equal quantities.

We could have been much more energetic at Craigendarroch, for they arrange so many activities. You can shoot, you can fish, you can ride. The dry ski stope will prepare you for the real thing at Glenshee or more distant

The swimming pool is impres-sive, and is much used by the Balmoral neighbours, including the Princess of Wales and her sons on occasion. (The Deeside mythology is that there is no pool at Balmoral because the Queen does not swim.)

The hotel has its own travel agency, can arrange packages that include transport. The address is Craigendarroch Hotel and Country Club, Braemar Road, Ballater, Royal Deeside, AB55 SXA. The telephone number is 03397



Welcome in the Highlands: the Craigendarroch Hotel and Country Club combines breathtaking views with traditional cuisine

### Bathed in a sense of history

COMBE Grove Manor Hotel and Country Club, an 18th century country house situated two miles from Bath, is built on the hillside site of a Roman settlement. The manor house is set in 68 acres of formal gardens and woodlands. There is an à la carte restaurant. private dining room, wine bar and a restaurant with a terrace garden. drinks in either the drawing room or library. The bedrooms all have en suite facilities. Two individually designed suites, complete with Jacuzzis, are available. Within the hotel grounds are some of the finest eisure facilities in the south-west. including indoor and outdoor

(heated) swimming pools, a spa bath and steam room, four allweather tennis courts, squash courts, a five-hole par three golf course and two-tiered driving range. Visitors may also make use of the Nautilus gym, aerobics studio, saunas and solaria. Separate from the manor house is the garden lodge which has 35 bed-

Combe Grove Manor Hotel and Country Club, Brassknocker Hill, Monkton Combe, Bath, BA2 7HS. (0225 834644). Usual rate: £127.50. Offer rate:

£95.63. Average dinner price £25. Offer not available Christmas, New



Combe Grove: set in 68 acres of formal gardens and woodlands

## View the great outdoors

BUILT in 1882, Tre-Ysgawen Hall is set amid beautiful Anglesey countryside with views over Snow donia. Recently renovated, this hotel offers style, comfort and attentive service. Each bedroom is distinctively styled and all have en suite bathrooms. The menu is changed daily, offering a superb choice of dishes.

Various rooms are available for private dining and a menu can be devised to match the occasion, whether it be a wedding, banquet, board meeting or conference.

Exclusive tours of the area are a speciality - a 1937 Rolls-Royce Phantom complete with a champagne picnic and waiter services can drive you to the local beauty spots, such as Beaumaris and Caernarion castles, Portmeirion and the Ffestiniog railway.

Many sports can be arranged on site or nearby, including dry slope skiing, archery, sailing, para-scending and water-skiing. The hotel also has rights to shooting on 3,000 acre estate. Dogs by prior

Tre-Ysgawen Hall Country House Hotel, Capel Coch, Llangefni, isle of Anglesey, LL77 7UR (0248 750750)

Usual rate: £76. Offer rate: £57. Average dinner: £19.50. Closed from January 1 to February 12. Not available on bank holidays.



Tre-Ysgawen Hall: situated on the doorstep of Snowdonia

## Hotels, inns and restaurants — at the flick of a page

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Dry run: a youngster receives some gentle instruction on the ski slope at Craigendarroch

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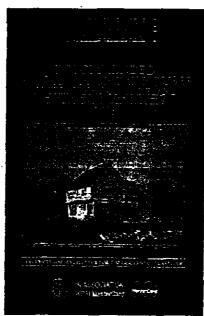
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taurants in Great Britain 1993: Featuring centuries-old coaching inns, thatched hostelines and excellent restaurants, this guide contains 150 recommendations. Almost all offer comfortable accommodation at affordable prices, and good food. Guests are assured of a warm

welcome. This guide is now in its fifth



Johansens Recommended Private Country Houses in Great Britain and Ireland

Containing more than 160 entries, the guide also features some small hotels and weekly let section. This publication features some real gems, most of which have just a few bedrooms. Many are of significant historical interest and you can expect to stay as one of the family.



Johansens Recommended Hotels in Great Britain and Ireland 1993: There are 428 full-colour entries, ranging from medieval castles to grand country manor hotels and elegant town houses. The 500-page guide contains a selection of London's most splendid hotels. Now in its eleventh year of publication, the hotel guide is a fitting celebration of some of the

finest properties to be found in these Isles.

#### Johansens' philosophy

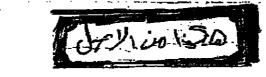
The Johansens aim is simple to recommend only the finest establishments, those which offer superior standards and excellence at the right

Each recommendation is personally selected for its quality by Johansens' inspectors. Only those establishments attaining the highest possible stan-

dards are chosen. Johansens constantly monitor the selections too, and the 1993 guides reflect this, with many new entries.

Johansens recommendations are not chain hotels. Most are privately owned and independently run, each one unique and full of character.

Whether for business or simply for pleasure, Johansens recommendations await your discov-



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### Five of the best hotels in the land await the winners of our competition

# Win a luxury weekend

Today. The Times in association with Johansens is offering readers the chance to win a luxury weekend break at one of five carefully

selected Johansens properties. The first prize winner and a partner will be able to enjoy a long weekend of three nights with dinner at Stocks Country House in Aldbury. Hertfordshire. The first mention of the house appeared in 1176. Since then its illustrious history has including a period as a training school for Playboy Bunny girls! Its enviable recreational amenities include riding and livery stables, four all-weather

tennis courts, a gymnasium and the country's largest heated indoor Jacuzzi

Balloon flights, blindfold driving, laser shooting and archery can also be arranged. Each bedroom is individually appointed. Fine plasterwork, tapestries crisp linen and porcelain set the tone of the elegant Tapestry Restaurant. With its air of tranquillity. Stocks provides a perfect long weekend.

Four runners-up and their partners will win a twonight weekend break with dinner at one of four Johansens properties (see photographs, right).



1) Once confiscated by Henry VIII, elegant Thornbury Castle boasts many original features from the Tudor period. Can you name the King's third wife?

2) Cider with Rosie was based on life in the village of Slad, Gloucestershire close to the palladian-styled Painswick Hotel. Which author wrote this work?

3) Quietly situated in Wimborne Minister, Beechleas is close to Poole Harbour. Which farnous island in the harbour, famous for its wildlife, was the venue for Lord Baden-Powell's first scout

4) The Lakeside Hotel nestles by the banks of Windermere in the heart of Lakeland. Can you recall the name of the speed ace, fatally injured while attempting to break the water speed record?

5) Which popular television situ-ation comedy featuring Peter Bowles and Penelope Keith was filmed at Cricket St Thomas, close to charming Tytherleigh Cot, the renovated former village

6) Congham Hall, a stately manor house hotel, is located near to which royal estate in

All the prize hotels are participating in The Times Johansens Privilege Card offer.

TO ENTER: Study the six questions above and telephone your answers, with your name, address and telephone number, to the number on the right.

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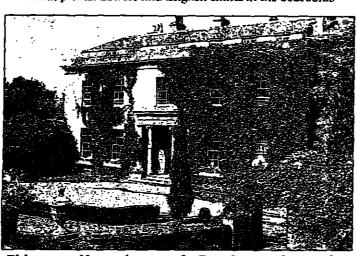
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A long weekend at Stocks Country House is our first prize: amenities include riding and livery stables, four all-weather tennis courts, a gymnasium and the country's largest heated indoor Jacuzzi. Each bedroom is individually appointed and all offer fine views over the grounds and to the Chilterns beyond.



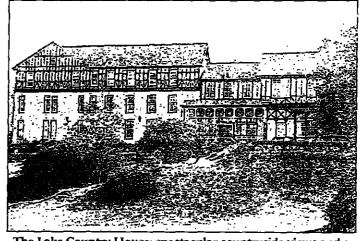
The Grange Hotel: a log fire and deep sofas in the morning room; prints, flowers and English chintz in the bedrooms



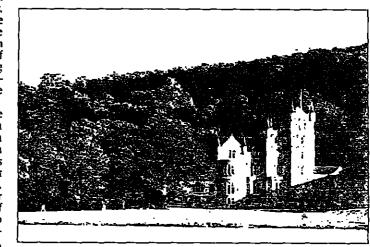
Bishopstrow House: the grace of a Georgian mansion together with modern facilities and an impressive collection of antiques

### Our prize hotels

THE Grange Hotel in York is a sophisticated Regency town house which has been carefully restored and its spacious rooms richly decorated. Stone-flagged floors in the corridors lead to classically styled reception rooms; and the chef, Cara Baird, trained at Le Gavroche. Bishopstrow House in Warminster was built by John Pinch of Bath in 1817. Bedrooms feature canopied beds, festoon draperies and in some cases private sales. The emphasis is on light. imaginative cooking in the modern style, with English and French dishes prepared by Chris Suter, winner of the Young Chef of the Year Award 1990. The Lake Country House in Llangammarch Wells is hidden away in 50 acres of its own grounds with sweeping lawns, woodlands, rhododendronlined pathways, and riverside walks. Winner of the 1991 Johansens Best Restaurant of the Year Award, the hotel has its own lake which is well stocked with trout. Finally, Cameron House in Loch Lomond, Dunbartonshire is an impressive baronial house that has lured many famous visitors, from the Empress Eugenie to Sir Winston Churchill. Its 100 acres of lawns and glades sweep down to the shores of Loch Lomond, Cameron House offers luxury, elegance, and recreation of almost every



The Lake Country House: spectacular countryside views and a birdwatcher's paradise, with 94 species of birds recorded here



Cameron House: the indoor leisure club includes squash, badminton and dance facilities and four beauty treatments rooms

LAST WEEK we published a list of more than 180 hotels which are participating in The Times Johansens Privilege Card Offer. Today we feature another 22 hotels

### SOUTH-WEST

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Eagle House, Church Street, Bathford, BA) 7RS. (0255 859946).

Usual rate: £66.60. Offer rate: £49.95. Dinner not available. Closed from December 21 to January 3. The hotel offers the use of two

1 S-gear mountain bikes for one day, with details of Avon and Wiltshire cycle ways. waterproof clothing and two large Mars bars.

The Priory Hotel, Weston Road, Bath, BA1 2XT. (0225 3319221. Usual rate: £205. Offer rate: £150. Average dinner:

Offer not available Christmas and New Year. Subject to availability on Friday and Saturday.

The hotel offers two tickets for the Theatre Royal, Bath, plus drinks in the 1805 suite.

£29.50.

Alston Hall Country House Hotel, Alston, Holbeton, Nr Plymouth, PL8 I HN. (075

Usual rate: £65. Offer rate: E48.75. Average dinner: £19.50. This impressive Edwardian

manor house is set in formal gardens with stunning views over rolling hills, and offers a trip to Loddiswell vineyard and a presentation case with two Dartington wine glasses.

Home Chase Hotel, Ashburton, TQ13 7NS. (03643 471).

Usual rate: £85. Offer rate £61.75. Average dinner:

Booking to be confirmed in Once a hunting estate dating from the 11th century, Holne Chase offers a planter, crafted in the hotel's private workshops using reclaimed timber finished in white.

planting and special discounts on shrubs. St Olaves Court Hotel, Mary Arches Street, Exeter, EX4 3AZ. (0392 217736). Usual rate: £90. Offer rate: £67.50. Average dinner: £20.

green or black, with advice on

The hotel closes from December 24 to January 3. inclusive. St Olaves offers a welcoming Longhorn cask malt, a lunch at the famous Nobody Inn at

Doddiscombesleigh, and a parting gift from Exeter.

SOMERSET

The Anchor Inn Hotel, Exebridge, Nr Dulverton, TA22 9AZ. (0398 23433). Usual rate: £70. Offer rate: £52.50. Average dinner: £16.50. Offer not available Christmas

New Year or Easter. Set in tranquil and unspoilt surroundings on the banks of the River Exe, this comfortable hotel offers either clay pigeon shooting. fishing or horse riding.

The Royal Oak Inn, Winsford, Exmoor National Park, TA24 7JE. (064 385

Usual rate: £90. Offer rate: £67.50. Average dinner: £20. Offer not available Christmas.



Budds House: comfort and counselling for couples

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New Year or Easter. Bookings must be confirmed in writing. six weeks prior to arrival, with credit card details.

This picturesque thatched inn, located in the centre of a riverside village on the edge of Exmoor, offers a two-hour safari by Land Rover to see the red deer.

WILTSHIRE

Luckham Park, Colerne, SN14 8AZ. (0225 742777). Usual rate: £151. Offer rate: £112. Average dinner: £37,50.

Offer not available Christmas, New Year and Easter. The hotel offers Clarins beauty products or treatments to the value of £50.

MIDLANDS

DERBYSHIRE

Riber Hall, Matlock,

Derbyshire, DE4 5JU. (0629 Usual rate: £107. Offer rate: £80.25. Average dinner: £28. Offer not available Christmas

or Easter. A listed building, Riber Hall has undergone extensive renovations, while retaining many original features, and offers a clay pigeon shooting lesson for two people (100 clays) with the chief coach of the British Olympic team

HEREFORDSHIRE

Alli-yr-Ynys Country Hotel, Walterstone, Hereford, HR2 0DU, (0873 890 307). Usual rate: £70. Offer rate: £52.50. Average dinner: £18. Please quote The Times Johansens offer when booking. Offer not available December

24-26 inclusive or New Year's

Fve This 16-century hotel, which boasts many authentic features such as moulded ceilings and oak panelling and beams, offers an introductory course for two to clay pigeon shooting (25 clays) in a fully automatic undercover shooting range situated within the hotel grounds. Guns and cartridges

The Feathers Hotel, High Street, Ledbury, HRS IAE. (0531 5266). Usual rate: £85. Offer rate: £63.75. Average dinner: £10.95.

are provided.

Offer not available Christmas. Easter and the Cheltenham Gold Cup week.
The hotel offers a visit, with tasting, to either the Three Choirs Vineyard or H. Weston and Son cider

OXFORDSHIRE

The Bay Tree Hotel, Sheep Street, Burford, OX18 41W. (0993 822791). Usual rate: £99. Offer rate: £74.25. Average dinner: £25. The offer is not available on bank holidays, or March 9-12 inclusive.

This picturesque Cotswolds hotel has been beautifully refurbished while retaining all its Tudor splendour. Choose from either: two tickets to an 18-hole golf course at Lyneham; two rods at the Lechlade Trout Fisheries, with a maximum of six fish per rod — the chef will cook your catch that evening: or one day's bicycle hire for

two, with hamper. The Mill House Hotel, Kingham, OX7 6UH. (0608 658188). Usual rate: £90. Offer rate: E67.50. Average dinner:

Offer not available Christmas. New Year. Easter and March 16-18 inclusive. This former mill, set in seven acres of Cotswolds country and bordered by a trout stream, offers one ticket per person to visit the Cotswold Wildlife Park, a £5 donation in the guest's name to the

Kidney Foundation and £40

Weston Manor House. Weston on the Green, Oxford, OX6 8QL (0869 50621). Usual rate: £105. Offer rate: £78.75. Average dinner: £24.50.

of wine on departure.

Offer not available December 24-26 and 30-31 inclusive. Formerly the ancestral home of the Earls of Abingdon and once owned by Henry VIII. this sympathetically restored manor house is delightfully situated in extensive grounds. The hotel offers a tour around "The Oxford Story" followed by "The Oxford Classic Tours", a guide to Oxford's history and its universities.

SHROPSHIRE

Buckairee Hall Hotel, The Wrekin, Wellington, Telford. TF6 5AL (0952 641821). Usual rate: £82. Offer rate: E61.50. Average dinner:

Offer not available Christmas and New Year. The hotel offers a Romeo and Julier, including a room with balcony, flowers and Black Magic chocolates, pink champagne, a water bed and dinner by candlelight.

THE SOUTH

BERKSHIRE

£15.50.

Road, Woolton Hill, Nr

255100). Usual rate: £165. Offer rate: £125. Average dinner: £35. Offer not available Christmas. New Year's Eve and Easter. Hollington House offers an upgrade to a deluxe junior suite, which feature a separate shower and whirlpool bath.

The Priory Hotel, 70-72

£25.50. Offer not available at Christmas time. Dating back to 1360, this framed house in the

shooting with the current world champion.

Hollington House, Church Newbury, RG15 9XR. (0635)

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

High Street, Whitchurch. Aylesbury. HP22 4JS, (0296) 641239). Usual rate: £110. Offer rate: £82,50. Average dinner:

beautifully preserved timberpicturesque conservation village of Whitchurch offers either: one hour's personal tuition by Pauline Ricketts in any riding discipline: a day's fly-fishing for trout, or an afternoon's clay pigeon

KENT

Budds House, Budds Lane, Wittersham, Isle of Oxney. TN2 7EL (0797 270 204). Usual rate: £80. Offer rate: £60. Average dinner: £25. Offer not available Christmas The beautifully proportioned rooms all have views over the gardens and surrounding countryside in this charming English country house, which serves only the finest wines. On selected weekends, Budds House offers a luxurious break including individual counselling programmes for couples, with £50 redeemable against the fees for these

programmes. Alternatively, a

variety of activities (the Isle of

Oxney shoot, for example) are

WEST SUSSEX

Amberley Castle, Amberley, Nr Arundel, BN 18 9ND. (0798 831992). Usual rate: £130. Offer rate: £97.50. Average dinner: £25.50. Offer not available Christmas

and New Year. Only available Sunday to Thursday. The castle offers a half day tour of the South Downs in a Rolls-Royce, a stylish way to see history, heritage and culture.

Chequers Hotel, Church Place, Pulborough, RH20 1AD, (0798 872486). Offer not available Christmas Usual rate: £65. Offer rate: £48.75. Average dinner: E15.50.

This delightful Queen Annelisted building, situated 30 minutes from Brighton, with its lanes and regency pavilion, is ideal for visiting Roman Chichester, Arundel Castle and other stately homes. It offers a celebration champagne breakfast, a gourmet dinner at a normal table d'hôte price (not available to guests dining on subsequent nights), and afternoon tea and homemade cake on arrival.

SCOTLAND

Cameron House Hotel and Country Estate, Loch Lomond, Alexandria, Dunbartonshire, G83, 8QZ. (0389 55565). Usual rate: £138. Offer rate: £103.50. Average dinner:

Set in an unrivalled location on the shores of Loch Lomond, this splendid hotel has a wide range of leisure activities and offers a full day's golf pass, including club hire for two, at the hotel's ninehole "Wee Demon" course. with a complimentary cup of coffee beforehand.

WALES

Caer Beris Manor, Builth Wells, Powys, LD2 3NP. (0982 552601). Usual rate: £67. Offer rate: £50.25. Average dinner: £17.50. Offer not available Christmas.

Once the home of Lord Swansea, this hotel provides guests with a cosy atmosphere and offers an upgrade to a four-poster room or clay pigeon shooting tuition.

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#### BBC1

7.25 News and weather (7504453) 7.30 Spider: Musical cartoon (r) (s) (4806569) 7.35 Quick Draw McGraw (r) (4898540) 7.40 Animal World. Nature series nameted by Derek Griffiths (s) (4886705) 7.50 Littl' Bits. Adventures with the poses of the forest (r) (3988892) 8.15 Chucklevision. Paul and Barry cause more mayhern (7862873) 8.35 Bucky O'Hare.

Cartoon adventures with the floppy-eared hero (r) (9877279)
9.00 Going Live! Phillip Schofield and Sarah Greene are joined by
Olympic gold medallist Chris Boardman, Rowan Alkinson, Roy
Castle, Nick Berry and Boyz II Men (s) (64791618) 12.12 Weather (4071811)

12.15 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider from Wernbley. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 12.20 Football Focus: Bob Wilson and Gary Lineker review the efforts of the British clubs in the second round of the three European competitions; 12.55 and 2.25 Rugby League: Great Britan v Australia in the Stones Bitter World Cup final live from Wernbley. Northern Ireland: Rugby Union — Ulster v Australia, 1.05 News: 1.10, 1.40 and 2.10 Racing from Newbury. Radley Stakes (1.15), Castrol St Simons Stakes (1.45) and the SLS Aerospace Handicap Stakes (2.15); 1.25 and 1.55 Snooker: semi finals of the Rothmans grand prix from the Hexagon, Reading, 4.40

5.05 News with Moira Stuart. (5169927) 5.15 Regional News (8174724). Wales (to 5.50): Wales on Saturday 5.20 Dad's Army. Virtage comedy from Jimmy Perry and David Croft following the antics of a burnbling Home Guard platoon (r). (Ceefax)

(1998827)
5.50 Big Break, Innocuous snocker game show presented by Jim Davidson, who is joined by Gary Wilkinson, Karen Corr and Mark Johnston-Allen. (Ceelax) (s) (611845)



With a few surprises up his sleeve: Noel Edmonds (6.20pm)

6.20 Noel's House Party. Noel Edmonds returns with a new series of highly resistible fun. The guests include Jasper Carrott, Pat Cash and Pat Coombs. Wayne Sleep is in for a surprise (s) (598637) 7.15 Bruce Forsyth's Generation Game. Four more family couples compete for the prizes on the conveyor belt. With Rosemarie Ford.

(Ceefax) (3) (961811) 8.15 Casualty. Gritty medical drama set in the accident and emergency department of a city hospital. Lionel Jeffines guest stars as an ageing Romeo. (Ceelax) (s) (969182)

9.05 News and sport with Michael Buerk. Weather (427250)

9.25 Film: Coming to America (1988). Passable correctly vehicle for Eddie Murphy, cast as the her to an African throne. He travels to America in the base of findings a bridge well less bits for hisposter.

America in the hope of finding a bride who will love him for himself and not his fortune. Directed by John Landis. (Ceetax) (s) 11.15 Match of the Day. Bob Wilson introduces highlights two of today's

Premier League games and the goals from the others (s) (243927)

12.15am Snooker. David Vine introduces the conclusion of today's semi-finals in the grand prix from Reading (s) (4272106)

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#### BBC2

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9.05 Film: Swiss Miss (1938, b/w). Laurel and Hardy star as unsuccessful mousetrap salesmen. Directed by John G. Blystone and Hal Roach (5959347)

10.15 Film: Abbott and Costello in Hollywood (1945, b/w): Unsubtle humour as the duo decide to make a movie star of a young crooner. Directed by S. Sylvan Simon (3290989)

11.35 Holiday Outlings. Earnonn Holmes in the Baharnas (r) (2392368) 11.45 So You Want to Play Golf? American instructor Bob Biegen and Peter Allies pass on tips to disabled players (s) (918434)

12.15 Film: A Night at the Opera (1935, b/w)

 CHOICE: Everyone has their Marx brothers favourite but with the possible exception of Duck Soup, A Night at the Opera would win most votes. Groucho, Harpo and Chico were at the height of their powers, having shaken of their vaudeville origins and worked their lunacy into a smooth cinematic flow. A Night at the Opera even manages to incorporate a sizeable romantic sub-plot, involving the singer Alian Jones, without making it look like an unwanted interruption. The main plot has Groucho, as the splendidly named Otis B. Drittwood, persuading the statuesque Margaret Dumont to save a falling opera house. The film includes the famous gag in which a seemingly endless number of room service staff cram into a tiny cabin. The ingredients are skilfully mixed by the director Sam Wood, who also made the team's A Day at the Races (8268326) AO Animation Now. The Canadian-made Seadream (65097250)

1.50 Network East. Indian actor Seeed Jaffrey is the guest on the Asian arts magazine (s) (93136989)
2.20 Tanhaiyan. The first episode in a new 13-part drama series telling the story of two sisters growing up in modern-day Pakistan. In Urdu with English subtitles (2413279)



Snappy dressing: Andrey Hepburn, Fred Astaire (3.00pm)

3.00 Film: Funny Face (1956) starring Fred Astaire and Audrey Hepburn. Delightful musical about a fashion photographer who takes his latest discovery on a working trip to Paris. Directed by takes his latest discovery on a working trip to Paris. Directed by Stanley Donan (88398845). Wales: Plaid Cymru Conference 4.40 Snooker. David Vine introduces highlights of the semi-finals of the

4.40 Shooker, Davio vine introduces regraights of the sent-tarias of the Rothmans grand prix (s) (6849569)
5.25 Termis. Highlights of the linst semi-final of the Midland Bank ladies' championship from the Brighton Centre (1473873)
6.00 Scrutiny. News from the House of Commons committees. (Ceefax) (521). Wates: Wates in Westminster
6.30 News with Moira Stuart. Sport and weather (685231)
6.45 Pole to Pole. The first of Michael Patin's eight-part documentary (r) 2865401

7.35 Music On 2: The Labèque Sisters.

CHOICE: Kaba and Marielle Labèque are French sisters with two CHORCE: Kara and manelle Labeque are Prench sisters with two claims to fame. The first is that they have revived the piano duet as a concert form. The second is that have broken down the barrier between classical and jazz. Tamasin Day-Lewis's admiring profile is set against the background of a hectic international schedule which last year saw them give 140 concerts in 90 cities. Not surprisingly, they spend much of their time packing suitcases and checking in at agmosts. But they cannot importing a life without project. airports. But they cannot imagine a life without music. Footage of the sisters at the keyboard, covering the gamut from Ravel to Thelonius Monk, reveals two dedicated artists to whom music is also fun. "There is something very special," says the conductor Leonard Statten, "about working with soloists who are not afraid to

smile al you." (939415)
8.35 Have I Got News For You. Topical quiz (r) (s) (394057)
9.05 Testament of Youth: 1917. Vera (Cheryl Campbell) returns to England, determined to marry Victor (r) (460182)
10.00 The Brain Drain. Jimmy Mulville presents the last in the present

series of the cornedy panel show (82095)

10.30 Snooker. David Vine introduces the latest semi-final action in the Rothmans grand prix from Reading (s) (597521)

11.15 Film: A Builet for the General (1966). Stylish spaghetti western starring Klaus Kinski. During the Mexican Revolution a train is hijacked by bandits. Directed by Damiano Damiani (682347). Ends

#### ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-am (6676786) 9.25 What's Up Doc? Yvette Fielding, Pat Sharp and Andy Crane are joined by John Brackenbury, Lindy Layton and the Chinese State Circus (s) (87968106)

11.30 Movies, Movies, Movies. Video releases include Hook and Stingray (9415)

12.00 The FTV Chart Show. The Video Vault features Erasure with "Who Needs Love Like That" (s) (48750)

1.00 News and weather (22696811) 1.05 LWT News (47752188)

1.15 WCW Wreating from America (7450347)
2.05 International Rugby Union. Alastair Hignell introduces coverage of the match between France and South Africa live from the Parc

des Princes in Paris (96058908) 4.40 News with Dermot Murraghan. Weather (4812873) 5.00 LWT

News (8186569) 5.05 Cartoon Time (r) (5154095) 5.15 Dimosaurs. More comic capers from the prehistoric puppets (s)

(169231) thrase. Roy Walker presents the hi-tech quiz show. (Oracle) 5.45 Catchpurese. Noy wishes presented in the control of the public to compete against the might of the Gladiators. (Oracle) (s) (967/095)
7.15 Blind Date: Cilla Black plays Cupid to more hopeful contestants.

(Oracle) (s) (963279) 8.15 Beadle's About. Jeremy Beadle plays dirty tricks on unsuspecting

members of the public (452453)
8.45 Dame Edna's Neighbourhood Watch. Another unwitting women becomes the star of the show when the Melbourne housewife and superstar inspects the contents of her cupboards. (Oracle) (s). (451724)



Tricks of the trade: Tom Cruise and Bryan Brown (9.15pm)

9.15 Film: Cocktall (1988). Heavyhanded romantic drama starring Torn Cruise as a young man who arrives in New York hoping to make his fortune. Instead he meets a cynical barman, Bryan Brown, who teaches him the tricks of the trade. Directed by Roger Donaldson. (Oracle) (s) (65170569) 11.10 News with Dermot Murnaghan, Weather (475618)

11.30 Hale and Pace. Gareth and Norman present their inimitable brand of comedy (r) (s) (67637)

12.00 Almost Grown. Norman takes his son's teacher out on a date 1,00am The Big E. Magazine show for and about young Europeans

(1500274)NB: Clocks go back one hour at 2.00am. Following times are in

1.00 Indy Car Racing 1991. Mariboro Challenge (1500274)
2.10 The Gig. Barbie Wilde visits the Turnel Club in Glasgow, London's Subteranta Club and the Riverside in Newcastle (8706106)
3.10 New Music. Pop videos and interviews (9335187)

4.10 Rhythm 'n' Raag. Asian music show (47121361) 4.35 The Hit Man and Her. Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan report on the latest on the club scene (s) (9844309) 5.30 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

#### CHANNEL 4

6.00 Heetholiff. Animated feline antics (r) (6624231) 6.25 Eureeka's Castle, Music and cartoons for the under-fives (f) (2302340) 6.55
Crosstalk. EastEndars star Daniella Westerbrook makes a guest appearance (f) (7935989) 7.25 High 5. A close look at climbing (f) (8610960) 7.55 Trans Yorkd Sport. International sporting news (9271415) 9.00 News Summary (1507618) 9.15 Racing: The

Morning Line (4284908)
10.00 Kabbadi. The men's first round clash between Maharashtra and

Armed Services (f) (s) (69095)

10.30 Gazzetta Footbelli Italia. Paul Gascoigne takes his weekly look at the goals from the Italian league (95160)

11.30 American Footballi. Mick Luckhurst and Gary Imlach present highlights of last week's action and look ahead to tomorrow's

games (7057)
12.00 Sign On: Your Views. Simeon Hart and Carolyn Edwards examine

12.00 Sign On: Your Views. Simeon Hart and Carolyn Edwards examine the claim that proportionally more deaf children are abused than hearing children. (Teletext) (76434)
12.30 Songs and Memories. Journaist and politician Khushwart Singh tells of his love for Urdu Rerature (95057)
1.00 Film: The Silent Enemy. (1958, b/w) starring Laurence Harvey. Routine adventure based on the true story of Lieutenant Lionel Crabb who trained a team of frogmen to sink italian ships during the second world war and was later to disappear in mysterious circumstances. Directed by William Fairchild (56452811)
3.05 Channel 4 Racing from Donoaster, introduced by Derek Thompson. 3.10 Variety Club Sunshine Coach Handicap. 3.45 Racing Post Trophy, 4.15 Donoaster States 4.45 Friends of the

Racing Post Trophy, 4.15 Doncester Stakes 4.45 Friends of the Variety Club of Great Britain Nursery Handicap (10663182) 5.05 Brookside. Omnibus edition (r). (Teletext) (s) (9015873) 6.30 Right to Reply. General Sir Anthony Ferrar-Hockey discusses Lynda La Plante's BBC drama Civvies. (Teletext) (s) (569)



A week is a long time in politics: Vincent Hanna (7.00pm)

7.00 A Week in Politics. The first of a new series presented by Vincent Hanna and Andrew Rawnsley. Among the guests is the Leader of the House of Commons Tony Newton, who is asked if the government has lost its way. Plus, the European lighter aircraft — will it be built by Britain alone? (s) (2231)

8.00 On The Trail of the Chinese Wildown. Two eminent anthropologists join more than one hundred Chinese scientists in a

quest for the legendary Chinese Wildman. Reports of this 6ft tall, human-five creature, covered in orange hair date back 2,000 years. They return with perhaps the first real evidence that such a creature actually exists (f). (Teletend) (8279)

9.00 Count TV: America on Trial introduced by Cynthia McFadden

(8415)
10.00 Film: The Nasty Girl (1989)

■ CHOICE Although made before the Bertin Wall came down, this withy and pointed satire from the German writer-director Michael Verhoeven has acquired a poet-reunification topicality. It is based on the true story of a naive Bavarian schoolgiri (engagingly played by Lana Stolza) who sets out to discover what happened in her home town during the Third Reich. The quest is initially abortive, resumes after she is married and has two children and eventually runs into violent opposition as she begins to get close to the uncomfortable truth. The Nasty Girl is surreal, visually inventive and often very funny. But beneath the jocular surface Vernoeven issues

a sombre warning about the dangers of young Germans being ignorant of their country's Nazi past. English subtitles. (212279) 11.45 Let The Blood Run Free. Australian medical scap. Bill reveals the tragic circumstances which transformed him into an axe murderer. (Teletext) (s) (435786)

12.15 Film: The Return of Manavell Smart (1980) starring Don Adams and Sylvia Kristel. Flat adaptation of the successful 1960s television spy spoof. Directed by Clive Donner (271729). Ends at 2.00

#### SATELLITE

SKY ONE

■ Via the Astra and Marcocolo satellites 6.00am Danger Bay (58786) 6.30 Elephant Boy (87415) 7.00 Fun Factory (3870160) 12.00 Barnaby Jones (38788) 1.00pm Firm How to Break Up a Happy Divorce (82960) 3.00 Carloons (68095) 4.00 The Dukes of Hazzard (45502) 5.00 WWF Superstars of Hazzard (4501) 5.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling (5018) 6.00 Kmghts and Warriors (67288) 7.00 UK Top 40 (79057) 8.00 Ursched Mysteries (88705) 9.00 Cops I (41786) 9.30 Cops II (39415) 10.00 Saturday Night Live (78328) 11.00 Hill Street Blues (32453) 12.00 Pages from Skytext

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cal Timas Media Europe (14618) 11.00 Dayline (52692) 11.30 The Reporters (25328) 12.30pm Fashion TV (43960) 1.30 Holiday Destinations (51983) 2.30 Nigridine (90569) 3.30 Those Were the Days (71251) 4.30 Financial Times Media Europe (91340) 6.30 The Reporters (69960) 7.30 Fashion TV 6.20 The Reporters (69660) 7.30 Feshinon TV (9163) 9.30 Travel Destinations (26057) 10.30 The Reporters (18521) 11.30 Feshion TV (71873) 12.30em Financial Times Media Europe (61729) 1.30 Travel Destinations (80545) 2.30 Those Were the Days (88748) 3.30 Fashon TV (83293) 4.30 Financial Times Media Europe (34854) 5.30-6.00 Those Ware the Days (67651)

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returns from the clead (3220%)
4.00 In the Line of Duty: Slege at Marion (1982): Momons control the police (5250)
6.00 The Death of the Incredible Huit: (1990): Bill Body turns green with anger (84342329) 7.40 Embertainment Tonight 8.00 King Ralph (1991): John Goodman is heir to the trone (84989)
10.00 The Krays (1999): Martin and Gary Kernp star as the gangsters (50434)
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1.40am Stage: The Movie (1988): A town is invested (0082564)
2.10 (6887) The Lonely Lady (1989): A

invaded (6082564) 2.10 (GIRT) The Lonely Lady (1983): A writer seeks tame and lonture (563019) 4.00 The Pabulous Baler Boys (1989). Jeff and Beau Bridges hire singer Michelle Pfeiller (99477). Ends at 5.65 SKY MOVIES GOLD

 Via the Astra satelitie
 4.00pm The Happy Ending (1969): Jean Smrons deserts her lamby (2724)
 6.00 Juggemant (1974) Richard Harris diffuses bornbs on a cruse liner (69618)
 3.00 Ranciso Debose (1975): Jeff Bridges and Sam Waterston star as contemporary cowboys (29617078)
 9.45 Graat Soout and Cathouse Thuraday (1976): Cornedy western starring Lee Marvin (416908). Ends at 11.30
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tropcal paradise is threatenet (69989)
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Tyrune Power detends a gamson (709453)
10.15 The Lodger (1944, b/w): Could he be
Jack the Ripper? (910347)
11.45 The Diany of Anne Frank (1969);
Ditch Jews hide from the Nazis (89715989)
2.40pm Istanbul (1957); Erroll Plym hunts
for dearnonds (15176183)
4.15 Las Vegas Hillbullys (1969); Comedy
about a country bumplin (39150231)
6.30 Robin Hood (1981) Patnck Bergin
stars as the outlaw (35705)
8.30 Winter People (1988); Kurt Russell
mests Kely McCillis (13455279)
10.25 Trun Colora (1990); John Cusack
and James Spader run for political office
(579076) 12.20am Xposure (1373554)
12.20 Harbour Best (1990); Australian
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2.25 (GMT) Beverily Hills Brats (1989); A
boy engineers his own liderapping (818106)
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Mills moves South (77777456); Erds at 5.40
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(80477989) 4.20 Top Rank Boxing (2711637)
5.50 Powersports (26537) 6.50 Brazilian
Football (20956250) 9.00 FIA 3000 Champoinship (22163) 10.00 British F2 Champtonship (28250) 11.00 World PGA European
Tour 1992 (65705) 12.00 Spanish Soccer
Highlights (74038) 1.00am German Formula
3 (7141822) 11.15 Major Leegue Baseball
(13624108) 4.15 Go -- Motorsport (305458)
5.15 Top Rank Boxing (4047380)

LIFESTYLE

Vis the Astra satelline
 12.00 Rambo (76347) 12.30pm Spiral Zone (41881) 1.00 White Stradow (2543527) 1.85 House Rules (3173163) 2.50 Spain Spain Holiday (539963) 3.05 The Adventures Of Jim Bowle (3397231) 3.30 Basic Training (2057) 4.00 American Gameshows (87182) 5.30 Fashon File (1329) 8.00 Spit-e-Vision 44864509 4.00 Physion 44864509 48 pp. 10.00 Spit-e-Vision 8.00 Spit-e-Vision 9.00 Spi

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Sports: Action (34534795) 5.00 Border Naws
(5155724) 5.10-5.15 Cartoon Time
(3160521) 12.00 Firm: Shampoo (38494603)
1.05 The Hit Man and Her (947922) 2.05
Family Theatre (8733570) 4.00 Videofastion
(90036) 4.30-6.30 The Big E (38125)

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TYNE TEES

As London except 1.10 Mountain Bite (1507618) 9.15 Racing: The Monning Line Chempionship (88948705): 1.40-2.05 (4284908) 10.00 Jelin (69095) 19.30 Chequered Fig (83143279) 5.00-5.15 Tyne Gazzetta Football Italia (95480) 11.30 Tees Saurdey (7141365) 11.30 Film: Lily Sings the Blues (30010231) 1.65 The Lily Chempions (30 Tess Saturday (7141305) 11.30 Film: Usely Sings the Blues (30010231) 1.45 The Hit Man and Her (6707835) 3.05 Live On Stags (333816) 4.05 Get Wet (24157670) 4.35-5.30 Cue The Music (8844309)

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As London except: 11.30-12.00 Gerfield's Babes 6 Bullets' (9415) 1.10 Saturday Sport (22883347) 1.20 Movies, Movies, Movies, Movies (8894516) 1.50 Wresting (7494434) 2.45-4.40 International Rugby Union (72984329) 5.05-6.18 Saturday Sport (3849803) 1.05 The Ht Man and Her (947922) 3.05 Family Theeter (6733670) 4.00 Videofestion (90035)

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Starte: 12.05pm Oireachtas Report (1479847) 12.25 Surved in the los (83462163) 1.30 Wyelf Earp (6297796) 2.00 South Riding (3463724) 2.55 News (5597705) 3.00 The Disney Hour (4821811) 3.50 Fitt: Going For the Gold — The Bill Johnson Story (8966989) 5.30 Erelia (2384220) 6.00 The Angelus (8813415) 6.07 News (4680231) 6.15 Maibleg (479338) 6.40 Play the Game (4845950) 7.10 The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles (7227162) 8.00 Secrets (284596) 9.00 News (2893883) 9.20 Kerrly Live (42257509) 10.45 Film: King of the Ploaring, Iwentes (48953637) 12.40am News (5872748) 12.43 A Prayer at Beckims (5872746) 12.45 Close

#### RADIO 3

8.55am Weather
7.00 Record Review, with Paul
Guinery. Schubert (Impromptu
in C minor, D699 No 1: Andras
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in C minor, D899 No 1: Andras Schiff, plano); Teleman: Concerto in A minor. New London Consort, with Philip Pickett, recorder, Mark Levy, viola de gemba); Villa-Lobos (Five Pratudes: Anthea Gifford, guttar); Vivaldi (Psaim 111, Beatus Vir, RV 597: Ex Cathedra Chamber Choir and Baroque Orchastra under Jeffrey Stidmore); Barber (Volin Concerto: Nadje Salamo-Sormerberg, vicini); Cole Porter (Anything Goes — excerpts)

excarpts)
9.00 News
9.05 Record Review (cont):
Anthony Buston introduces
Building a Library: Dvořák
(Piano Quintet, Op 81):
Bemard Kestle looks at
arrangements of chamber arrangements of chamber works for full orchestra; and Vernia for the forestars, and Jeremy Summarly companies versions of Brumel's Earthquake Mass; 10.35 Record Release: Beethoven (String Quartet in F, Op 135; Venna PO under Bernstein; Earth M sic Cescont of Levil Early Music Consort of London under David Murrow performs secular music by Josquin and the Gloria from Brunner's Mass;

Messiaen (Vingt Regards sur l'entant Jesus — except: Peter Hill, piano); Walton, orch Palmer (Sonata for violin and orchestra: Lydia Mordkovich London Philhermonic under Lordon Philhamonic under Jan Latham-Koenig); 12.10pm Jack Pfaitfer, a producer at RCA for 40 years, on how it tests to reissue your own "historic" recordings; 12.35 Bach (Pertita No 2 in C minor, BWV 826: Wanda Landowska, harpsichord) 1.00 News is Luthamsa Feetheric of 1.05 Lufthansa Festival of

Baroque Music 1982: Italian and Russian music from the 16th-century Court of St Petersburg Rekonstruktsiya Ensemble under Nicholas cineariane states monassis kraemer, harpsichord, performs Locatelli (Trio Sonata in G, Op 5 No 1); Cimarosa, arr Canter (Oboe Concerto in C minor); Porpora (Cello Concerto in A minor); 1.46 Aletter Lorres talks alport the Alistar Lomax talks about the Rekonstruktsiya Ensemble, and early music in Russia: 1.45 Khandoshkin (12 Variations on Russian folksongs); Agrell (Flute

Concerto in D); Boccherini (Cello Concerto No 2 in D). 2.30 Prokoffev: Alexander Baltile, cello; Piers Lane, plano, perform Cello Sonata, Op 119 3.00 Vienna: the Philisamoniae Years 1842-1992: Chamber Music. Richard Oebome presents the seventh of 12 programmes. Mozert (Diversity Control of 12 programmes) (D

programmes, Mozari
(Divertimento in D., K334:
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Octet); Shostaovich (String
Quartet) No 10, Op 118: Weller
Quartet); Dvorisk (Piano
Quintet in A: Ciffront Cuzzon;
Vienna Philhermonic Quartet)
5.00 Jazz Record Regests, with
Geoffrey Smith
5.45 Third Opiniten: Christopher
Cook presents a film edition,
including reviews of Fidley
Scott's 1482: Conquest of
Paradise, Prague and Woody
Allen's Hisbands and Wives
6.30 Choptin: Nelly Ben-Or, piano,
performs Etude in F minor, Op
25 No 2; Roctume in A flat, Op 55
No 1; Mazurka in A flat, Op 55
No 1; Mazurka in A flat, Op 59
No 2; Grande Valse Britante in
C sharp minor, Op 45;
Poloriase in F sharp minor,
Op 44
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7.10 Juilles Caesar: Live from the Theatre Royal, Glasgow. Scotlish Opera Chorus and Orchestra under Samuel Bächli perform Part 1 of the caumi perioduction by Willy Decker of Handel's opera, in the English tensistion by Brian Trowell. With Michael Chance in the little role; Noel Mann as Curto; Anne Meson as Cornels? John Bordrers as Comelia: Joan Rodgers as Cleopatra; Christopher Robson as Prolemy; Gidon Saks as Achilles; and Timothy Wilson as Nirenus. 8.30 Andrew Willion talks about the

recoment cases about the treatment and interpretation in art of Julius Caesar and other historical subjects. 8,50 Part 2 16,30 Words. Thormas Sucifile, arts editor of *The Independent*, reflects on the things people say and write. say and write Camden Jazz Festival: Brien Morton introduces the first of the programmes, recorded at the Biodrisbury Theatre during this year's testival. Featuring a quintal led by the bess player Sylvan Richardson Jr and the tro Emijern 12.30-12.35am News

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John M. Hull, professor of
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4.00 News; You Don't Have to Work to Be Mad Here; Perks and Prants. The other side of working life (s) (f)

4.30 Science Now, with Peter Fuens

5.00 The Living World: An Englishmen, an Irishmen and a Scotaman explore life among the peat beds in Oxfordshire

the peat beds in Oxfordehire
5.25 Tea Junction: Patrick Harran
and guests take a sceptical
lock at the week's events 5.50
Shipping 5.55 Weather
6.00 News and Sports Round-Up
6.25 Week Ending (s) (f)
6.50 Ad Lib

RADIO 4 CHOICE: Probably because CHOICE: Probably because his guests tonight are all clowns for whom, traditionally, action speaks louder than words, the curse of "overtalk" (everyone babbling away at the same time) which seems to plague every chat show that Robert Robinson conducts, has not shock at this core.

has not struck at this one.
Consequently, we are able clearly to hear the clowns' satisfying answers to questions such as: are clowns ashamed to admit they are clowns?, or, are clowns and clowns?, or, are clowns sad underneath their make-up? or 

Kaleidoscope talks to the scriptwriter Leny Gelbart (s) Classic Sertal: The True Story of Martin Guerre. The first of a two-part transations in the series of the series o of Martin Guerre. The first of a two-part dramatisation by Guy Meredith, based on the trial notes of Jean de Coras, the 16th-century French Judge. Martin Guerre deserted his wife and child, and was charged with being an imposter when he returned home after an absence of eight years. With Sean Bean as Guerre and Lesley Dunkop as his wife Berbande (a) 8.59 Work Talic tan Hall talks about his love of calyboo (s) (r)

9.20 Music in Mind (s) 9.50 Ten to Ten (s) 9.59 Weather

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10.00 News
10.15 The Great Shark Hunt Andy
Kershaw tackies the enigme of
the basiding shark (s)
10.45 A Short History of the Cold
Shower: Dr John Post
presents a second series
offering understanding advice offering uplifting moral advice from the past 100 years (1 of

11.00 Mirrored in Music: Andrew Green Invites the conductor Libor Pesek to choose music which reflects the character which reflects the character and spirit of his native country. Czechoslovake (s) (r) 11.30 The Miles and Milliner Show. Comedy and music with Torn Miles and Rob Miliner (s) (r) 12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.29 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 As World Service (LW only)

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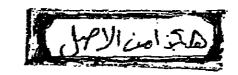
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### SUNDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO

BBC1

7.25 Grand Prix: Full coverage of the Japanese grand prix from Suzuka (75850835) 9.10 News and weather (2795767) 9.15 Start Your Own Religion. Colin Morris talks about the laws governing religious belief to an audience at Westminster College, Oxford (s) (2526922). Northern Ireland: Dulf Sa Duira 9.30 This is the Day. Linda Mary Evans Joins Ian and Jennifer Hall at their home in the Lake District (s) (81421) in the Lake District (s) (81421)

10.00 See Heart Jack Ashley previews programmes for Deaf Awareness

10.00 See Heart Jack Ashtey previews programmes for Deet Awareness Week, which begins tomorrow (s) (21274)

10.30 Inside English. How to use language skills (4268651). Wales: Careering Ahead 10.45 Lingo! How To Learn A Language. Last in the series (r) (4263106) 11.00 Caraering Ahead. Juliet Alexander looks at how business is affected by the lack of language training (8632). Wales: (to 12.30) See You Sunday 11.30 Wirming. David Halls show a sticky-label company in Suffolk how to find new markets (s) (9361).

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12.00 Spain on a Plate. Maria José Sevilla's gastronomic tour of Spain comes to an end in Andalusia (r). (Ceefax) (80854)

12.30 Country File with John Craven (8553699). Wales: Down to Earth 12.55 Weather (53460380)

1.00 News (22645187) 1.05 On the Record with Joriathan Dimbleby

and John Cole (5884477)
2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax) (s) (22903)

3.00 Eldorado (f). (Ceefax) (s) (3108)
3.30 Film: All Creatures Great and Small (1974). The original film version of James Hemot's vet stories. In 1937 Hemot (Simon Ward) travels to the Yorkshire Dales to start his encounters with the locals and their animals. Directed by Claude Whathem. (Ceelax) (46729) Motor Show '92: A report from the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham (6816683)
5.50 The Clothes Show. The latest news from Paris Fashion Week (s)

(581632) 6.15 Lifeline. Jonathan Dimbleby appeals on behalf of the Council for

the Protection of Rural England (s) (686187)

6.25 News with Chris Lowe, Weather (796903)

6.40 Songs of Praise from Shrawsbury Abbey, (Ceefax) (s) (961106)

7.15 Last of the Suramer Wine, Bill Owen, Peter Sallis and Brian Wilde star in a new series of Roy Clarke's evergreen comedy. Compodecides to grow old gracefully. (Ceefax) (s) (697818)

7.45 The House of Ellott. Polished period drama following the fortunes of the electric in the feether to be to the series of the serie

of two sisters in the fashion trade. Bea struggles to hold on to her marriage and the business while drifting apert from Evie. (Ceefax)(

8.40 Birds of a Feather. More eartiry, wise-cracking cornedy from Pauline Culrike and Linda Robson as the prison widows (Ceefax) (s)

9.10 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather (757800)



Fantasy and reality: Alfred Molina, Jill Gascoine (9.25pm)

9.25 Screen One: Trust Me

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 CHOICE: Alfred Molina, without whom no Screen One season would be complete, plays a hoaxer who becomes the victim of his own pranks in an inventive comedy-thritier by Tony Sarchet. When first seen, Molina is setting a newspaper reporter a duff story about Germans climbing Everest. But Sarchet's screenplay revolves round another scam, in which Molina pretends to be a hit-man selling his memours and finds fantasy bumping up against rea What follows depends largely on misunderstandings and confusion of identity, in other words the staple ingredients of farce. This provokes the thought that this place might have been better as farce, with the pace to match. As it is, the plot contortions, however skillly worked, are just a shade laborhous when what is needed is, so to speak, some dropping trousers. (Ceefax) (s) (4564274) 10.45 Everyman: No Great Trauma? Jill Saward, the victim of the Ealing

vicarage rape case, breaks the silence that usually surrounds this brutal crime to explain the long-term effects of rape (r). (Ceetax)

11.25 Off the Back of a Lorry. Mike Scott reaches Spain on his journey across Europe by lorry (102467) 11.55 Tanhaiyan. New drama series set in Pakistan (r) (325903) 12.35am Weather (6721978)

RADIO 3

BBC2

7.30 Felix the Cst (5769922) 7.45 Playdays at the Dot Stop (r) (4553380) 8.10 Smoggles (r) (7852496) 8.35 Animal Album with the voice of Derek Griffiths and special guest Don Maclean (r) (s) (1656187) 8.50 Orville and Cuddles (r) (6021293) 8.55 Bitse Cartin Easterby and Simon Pascoe recycle more household junk (r) (s) (1685835) 9.15 The Legend of Prince Valiant. Animaled adventures (s) (1648187) 9.40 The Wetter the Better! Game show with Ploss King and Girny Buckley (3583629) 10.05 Thundercats
Feline carbon adventure (r) (7244361) 10.30 Uncle Jack and the
Dark Side of the Moon starming Paul Jones (r). (Ceefax) (s)
(8229583) 10.55 Blue Peter Omnibus (1940729) 11.45 The OZone. A look at the current Abba revival (s) (4781800)
12.00 Regional Paritamentary Programme (88496) Northern Ireland: A
Room with a View; Wales: Scrutiny
12.30 Thunderbirths Ceers Antenancia please of programme (700)

12.30 Thunderbirds. Gerry Anderson's classic pupper series. This week

the Tracy brothers have to avert disaster when a super space ship is on a collision course with the sun (r). (Ceefax) (6344941)

1.20 Termis. Barry Davies presents live coverage of the final of the Midland Bank ladies championship from Brighton (s) (12492729)

3.00 Snootker. The opening session of the Rothmans grand prix final from the Hexagon, Reading, introduced by David Vine (31361)
5.00 Rugby Special. Chris Rea with highlights of the match between Bath and Oriell in the Courage league; plus the game between Ulster and Australia (s) (2800). Wales: Swansee v Newport 6.00 Snooker. Further coverage of the final (s) (558496)

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6.35 The Money Programme. Tom Maddocks reports on the life insurance industry's attempts to get its house in order as the existing system of self-regulation comes under question (602941)
7.15 The Living Planet: The Open Ocean. David Attenborough conducts an imaginary journey along the floor of the Pacific revealing the geography of this ancient world as well as its inhabitants (r). (Ceefex) (116729)
8.10 Did You See..? Introduced by Jeremy Paxman. The guests are writer Susan Crostand, explorer Matt Dickinson and Joe Whitty, crowerour of Felsham Young Offenders' Centre. They will be

governor of Fetham Young Offenders' Centre. They will be discussing The Kennedys, Pole to Pole and Crime Story (s)



Looking good: Yves St Laurent and model in Paris (8.40pm)

8.40.The Look. The last programme of the series is a profile of Yves St Laurent, the king of couture. Every year the lashlon world holds its breath, wondering if St Laurent will make it to the catwalk, and, despite ill-health and rumour-mongers, he always does (s) (318361)

9.30 Building Sights, Europe. Spanish architect and engineer Santiago Calatrava reflects on the Church of Colonia Guell by one of Spain's most celebrated architects. Antonio Gaudi (745670)

9.40 A Word In your Era. Rory McGrath is joined by Helen Atkinson-Wood, Steve Steen and Steve Coogan in the guise of Mary Read, a pirate, Nostradamus and Casanova (s) (933759)

 10.10 Snooker. David Virie introduces the final of the Rothmans grand prix from the Hexagon in Reading (s) (740854)
 12.00 Grand Prix. Highlights of the Japanese grand prix from Suzuka (s) (9151046), Ends at 12.35am

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#### ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-am (6643458) 9.25 The Disney Club. More lun and games with Richard Orlord.

Andrea Boardman and Paul Hendy (4470816) 10.45 Link. Sian Vasey reports on the fears of those who leef threatened by both the aggressive right and the over-sympathetic left. (Oracle) (4258274)

11.00 Morning Worship from St Columbkilles Church, Rutherglen (50274)

12.00 The Human Factor Helen Shapiro talks to Rosemary Hartill about her life and faith. (Oracle) (75922) 12.30 LWT News Weekend (81485)
1.00 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (70607859) 1.10 Walden.
Brian Walden interviews Tony Newton, leader of the House of

Commons (s) (7428748) 2.00 Bullseye. Darts and general knowledge quiz (9767)

2.30 The London Match Live coverage of the match at the Den between Millwall and Wolverhampton Wanderers. Plus highlights of the Southend v Cambridge game (s) (68722800)

5.05 Baywatch. The perfectly formed lifeguards of Los Angeles County hope to save the odd life or two (r) (6891274)

6.00 Animal Country. Desmond Moxis and Sarah Kennedy continue

their travels through East Anglia and talk to Matthew Kelly about Old English Sheepdogs (598)

6.30 News with Dermot Murraghan. Weather (923800) 6.35 LWT News (984759)

(S84798). Harry Secombe visits the city of Lincoln Robert Hardy reads from the works of local poet laureate Alfred Lord Tennyson and Helen Shapiro sings. (Oracle) (s) (956274)
7.15 Second Thoughts. A return of Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie's comedy staming James Bolam and Lynda Bellingham. While Bill is struggling with working away from home, redundancy and stress, Eath discourses the hear to week places and her bought specified. Faith discovers she has to wear glasses and has bought sensible

shoes. (Oracle) (s) (615212)

7.45 The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: The Mouse in the Corner. The conclusion of this murder story adapted by and starting George Baker. Wexford still believes there is a conspiracy at Peterlee farm.

8.45 London's Burning Drama series about the lives and work of the firefighters at Blackwall Fire Station Beyleaf discovers that his abducted daughter may be in Spain; Recall and Laura are told that Jamie's only hope is a heart/lung operation (Oracle) (747545) 9.45 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (475309)

10.05 Spitting Image. More cruel tampoons from the latex lookafikes (988458)



The tall and the short of it: Durante and Bussell (10.35pm)

10.35 The South Bank Show: Two Royal Ballet Stars.

 CHOICE: There are no books to plug this week in The South Bank Show, just an unpegged celebration of the renaissance of the Royal Ballet and two of its bright young talents. The short but brilliant careers of Viviana Durante, small and elegant, and Darcey Bussell, tall and graceful, are set against an account of the Royal Ballet's talent-spotting system in which many are called but few make it to the final stage. Durante and Bussell both got there in their teens. They are presented as the heirs to a great tradition, in which the classical roles are still the touchstone of a ballerina's career. At the same time they emerge as modern women who have shed the mystique of a Pavlova or a Forteyn and model for the glossy magazines. Generous excerpts from their work fill out a friendly and

uncontentious profile (s) (853816)

11.35 Cue the Music. Michel Legrand in concert (805564)

12.35am Derrick. German detective series (9550201)

1.45 The ITV Chart Show (r) (s) (221794) 2.50 Night Heat. Canadian police drama (8538387)

3.55 Pick of the Week. Tina Baker introduces highlights of regional television (33740607) 4.20 Out of Limits. Sporting action (95023510)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites
 6.15am Bandido (1956): Robert Michan

as 8 proneering doctor (68944212) 12.10am For Better or For Worse (1990)

A newly-wed couple learn about each other

1.45 Mystic Ptzza (1988) Three girls work as werresses through the summer (513884) 3.35 The Lonely Gay (1984) Sieve Marin is dropped by his girl (35021930) Ends at 6.00

e Via the Astra and Marcopolo catellites 8.30am Fishing the West (29854) 7.00 European League Round-Up (56832) 8.00 World Team Pool (57351) 9.00 Goals on Sunday (11466) 10.00 Jack High (41564) 11.00 Motor World (9856) 11.30 World Sports Speale (90253) 12.00 Netbusters (50748) 12.20ppa The Club Show Shefield Wednesdey (79361) 1.00 WWF Wresting (74816) 2.00 Super Sunday, Wimbledon v Spurs (1166545) 7.00 German League

SKY SPORTS

4.30 Memories 1970-1991. Archive film from 1977. Narrated by Robert Powell (s) (91510) 5.30 ITN Morning News (55065). Ends at 6.00

#### CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport. Sporting news (f) (84816) 7.00 Take 5. For younger viewers (53361) 7.30 Laurel and Hardy Animated antics of the temble duo (4859651) 7.35 Little Wizards Cartoon (4559564) 8.00 Sandokan. Animation (70477) 8.30 Wish Kld. Cartoon adventures of a boy whose wishes come true (9621090) 8.55 Tintin Animated version of Hergé's classic series (7989019) 9.25 Laurel and Hardy (2776632)
9.30 Dennis Animated adventures of the mischievous boy and his

9.45 Flipper Adventures of the inendly dolphin (451941)
10.15 if Wishes were Horses (r) (Teletext) (s) (443922)
10.45 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. Tales of an extraordinary submanne and her captain (233767) 11.45 Little House on the Prairie Trials and tribulations of a close-knit

11.45 Classic Cars The first in a six-part senes focusing on classic cars and the people who collect them. Today's programme visits Beautieu to see the world's boggest autojumble, where enthusiasts

can rummage for vital spare parts (r) (720583)

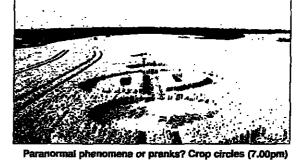
1.15 Football Italia. Live coverage of the match between Inter Milan and Juventus. Peter Brackley provides the commentery (47142212)

3.30 Film: Twice Round the Deffodils (1962, bw). Cornedy charting the comic capers and romantic involvements of patients in the men's ward of a TB sanitorium. Starring Juliet Mills and Donald Sinden. Directed by Gerald Thomas (723380)

5.10 Greed and Glory

CHOICE There continues to be much greed and very little glory m Christopher Hird's disenchanted series about the workings of the City of London. The theme tonight is scandals. With so many city of London, the past decade, Hird must have been sport for choice. He settles for the juicy tho of Lloyd's, Robert Maxwell and Guinness. The film is a useful picking over of old bones, enlivened by colourful interviews with figures close to the action. Hird's thesis by coolaring the first strength of the action in the action in the strength of the consequences. During the 1980s it was left to itself, subject only to an ineffectual self-regulation which manifestly failed to deal with abuses until it was too late. There is no evidence that what Hird calls the animal instincts of capitalism will be better controlled in the future (1758564)

6.00 Miraculous Mellops. Australian science-fiction series (380) 6.30 The Cosby Show. American family cornedy show. (Teletext) (632)



7.00 Equinox: The Strange Case of Crop Circles.

● CHOICE: First shown last year and now updated, this entertaining documentary tries to get to the bottom of the comcircles. Little noticed until about 1980, they have been appearing with increasing frequency on the fields of southern England, and particularly, for some reason, in Witishire. Are they, as a physicist Dr erence Meaden claims, the result of an atmospheric vortex, or, in plain language, spinning, swirling air? Or do they have a parascientific explanation which puts them in the same category as unidentified flying objects? The film looks searchingly at both theories before introducing the hilanous possibility that these perfectly formed geometric shapes, up to 300 feet in diameter, may

be no more than a clever leg-pull. (Teletext) (4545)

8.00 The Royal Collection: The Kingdom of Nature. Christopher Lloyd, Surveyor of the Queen's Pictures, gives a privileged insight into the greatest private collection of paintings in the world. (Teletext) (s) (7545)

8.30 American Football. The featured game is the Washington Redskins at the Minnesota Vikings (72800)

10.00 Film: Reach for the Sky (1956, b/w). Kenneth More stars as

Douglas Bader in this stirring film about the RAF pilot's determination to fly after losing both his legs in an aircraft crash. Directed by Lewis Gilbert. (Teletext) (303903)

12.30am Film: A Time To Die (1985). Powerful Latin American drama

about a man who returns home after 18 years in prison for murder and finds the sons of his victim bent on revenge. Directed by Jorge Ali Triana (740341). Ends at 2.20

#### VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.30 Gardening Time (9799748) 12.50-1.00 Angtia News (67597274) 2.00 Certoon Time (32791922) 2.10 Wresting (7241090) 2.55 The Anglia March (61770019) 5.00 Stuntmasters (4449) 5.30-6.00 Bulbaye (125) 11.35-12.35a The Young Riders (805564)

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As London except: 12.30-1.00 Gerdening
Time (8545767) 2.00 Chequered Fisq (8767)
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Highwey to Heaven (2854) 5.00-6.30 Bullsaye (598) 11.35 Prisoner Cell Block H
(173477) 12.30 Cuz Nght (9477152) 12.85
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Gales of Fre (4207979) 3.10 Up the Junction
(761698) 4.00 Pick of the Week (20591)
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CENTRAL As Landon except: 12.30-1.80 Gardening Time (6548767) 2.00 Memories of 1978 (7252106) 2.45-5.05 The Central Match Live (42405941) 6.00-6.30 Busseye (598) 11.35 Science Fiction (460090) 12.05 The 11.35 Science Fiction (460090) 12.05 The Equation (7251210) 1.00 Film: Cynera (7907046) 2.25 The TIV Chert Show (369362) 3.25 Cue the Music (367643) 4.35 Chequered Filip (37910066) 5.00-5.30 Central Joblinder 92 (91930)

7.00 Sunday Morning Concert: BBC Concert Orchestra under

Sir Charles Groves perform Sullivan (Overture, Di Balk Coates (Ballet Suite, The

ester at the Wedding);

Maicolm Binns); German

Maccom Binns), German (Symphonic Suite, The Seasons) 9.00 News 9.05 Brien Kay's Sunday Morning: Cherubini (Overture, Eica), Bax (Mediemanean); Elgar (Four Dances for wind quanter); Dvořák (Slavonic Dance, Op 72 No 2) 9.38 Artist of the Weel, Mekan Tan

Artist of the Week: Melvon Tan.

lorteprano, plays Beethoven (Andante lavori, Wo057); Paganini (Moto Perpetuo, Op

11): Chausson (Chanson

perpetuelle, Op 37); Mozart (Serenade in D. Serenata Notitumo, K239); 10.12 Composer of the Week

preview: Bruckner (Os Justi Meditabur), Havergal Brian (The Tinker's Wedding); Marin

Marais (Vanations on Les Folies d'Espagne); Berlioz (Sara la Baignesse); Sousa (Under the Cuban Fag); Grieg (Pano Concerto in A minor); Dellus, air Feriby (Late

HTV WEST

of Things (8548767) 2.00 Challenge of the Seas (9767) 2.20 Canoon Tane (74/3632) 2.40 Wrestling (8873941) 3.30 Film: Opera-tion Amsterdam" (97309) 5.30-6.00 Bulls-eye (125)

(9767) 2.30 Gats Introduces Proofle Tooties (7413632) 2.40 Highway to Heaven (888423) 3.35 Film: Beg, Borrow or Steel (789187) 5.00 Bulleyie (4448) 5.30-8.00 Cobblestones, Cottages and Castles (125) 11.35 Prisoner: Call Block H (173477) 12.30 Cutz Night (2527317) 12.35 Motorsport Special (4203336) 1.25 Film: Gates of Fire (199084) 3.10 Up the Junction (7616688) 4.00 Pick of the Week (20397) 4.30-5.30 The ITV. Chet Show (81510) ...

As Landon except; 12.30 TVS News (57511854) billowed by Agende (5547038) 2.00 The New Adventures of Black Beauty (5767) 2.30 Film: Sahara (2522) 4.30 Bullseye (545) 5.00-6.00 Beywatch (2654)

4.50 Nortko Ogawa, piano, plays Mozart (Variations on Ah, Vous dirai-je Marnan, K265); Takemitsu (Closed Eyes II); Liszt (Sonata in B minor) (r)

5.45 The Mystery of the Rosary:

The final programme of Heinrich Biber's Mystery

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6.30 Housemen and Heine:
Settings from Housman by
C.W. Orr, tretand, Moeran,
Butterworth and Holder: Plus
Schumann's Dichterfiebe (r)

7.30 Elgar's Caractacus: Elgar's cantata, five from the Barbican Hall, London, Richard Hickox conducts the LSO and Chorus.

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# Testimony of lasting torment

Lynne Truss reviews last night's Splendid Hearts and says that just to carve the war dead's names with pride is not enough



A FRIEND of mine works in a studio converted from a church chapel and on his wall there is a small war memorial. He didn't ask for

it, you understand; it just came with the territory, and is presumably included in the rent along with the radiators and the lav. Anyway, carved in stone above his desk are the names of 35 local men who were killed in the Great War, and my friend often looks at it

wondering who they all were. What about these three men with the same surname, he thinks. Were they brothers, or a father and sons? Did they all die together, or did one of them fight on, knowing of the others' deaths? Strange that no relative stepped forward to object when the church conversion removed the memorial from public view. A memorial is surely supposed to be in a public place, proclaiming "Lest we forget". Yet here it is, obviously forgotten.

BBC2's War and Peace season. which began a couple of weeks ago and will run until Remembrance Sunday, makes the mystery of my friend's war memorial seem quite urgent somehow. The issue of remembering and forgetting is always there, I suppose, but this does not mean you do not need reminding of it. As the years pass, of course, there are fewer people with real memories of the two world wars, yet at the same time "remembering" has nothing to do with personal memory anyway.

Can you "remember" a war that finished 37 years before your birth? Or ten years? I expect Jung can explain this phenomenon; to do with race-memory, surely (though cynics might object that you can remember historical things from watching The Time Tunnel).

I wouldn't want to put words in the mouth of a great psychologist, but if Jung did not say that huge universal bereavements were heritable, then I think he should have. I mean, look at me, Carl. I couldn't tell you a thing about Passchendaele (when, where, why), yet I do remember the dead of the first world war. I remember them in the sense that they draw on a profound personal grief, which gets steadily worse over time instead of better.

I know I am not mad, by the way, because if other people did not share this emotional Ur-memory, nobody would have made the War and Peace series Splendid Hearts. which goes out on Fridays. The title refers to an inscription on the war

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memorial at Grantchester ("Men with Splendid Hearts") and is offered ironically I think, because the programmes effectively peel the names off the memorials, separate them from the fine words, and restore them to real, killed people, remembered for themselves.

Carve their names with pride certainly, says this series. But that shouldn't be the end of it. In the first programme ("Grant-

chester"), for example, an elderly man in a crisp, clean, buttoned-up shirt talked proudly about his older brother, Frank Pawley, who was killed in the first world war, and whose name is read out annually in church, in a list that includes Rupert Brooke. Frank was a gardener, people mixed him up with his twin brother, so they were known as "the Pawley Puzzles".

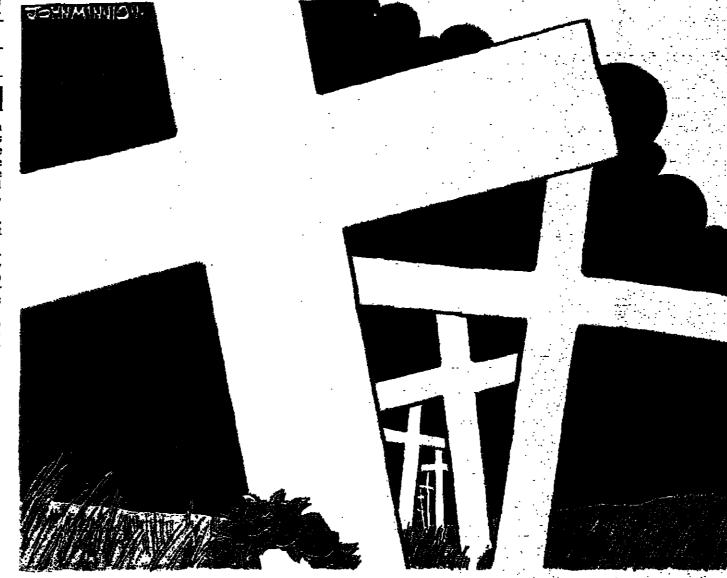
The camera roamed across a collage of Frank's personal effects (telegrams, photos) and it was made very clear that to the people of Grantchester, a real chap like Frank deserved far better than Rupert Brooke to be on the war memorial. After all, not only was Brooke an interloper, but he didn't die in action. And besides, everyone knows who he is.

"Do you remember getting the news of Frank's death?" the interviewer asked Frank's brother, and although the question was not meant to shock, it did, visibly. "Oh, I re-live that," he said, rubbing his face and fighting an evidently great sense of loss. "I'm always re-living that. I was in the last one [second world warl, and have two children. but it wasn't like that. Of course, I wasn't very old, you see. And that's always played on my memory."

There is a poem by Keith Douglas entitled "Simplify me when I'm dead". Whether the makers of the War and Peace programmes - Battlecries, I Renounce War, Splendid Hearts were aware of these words I don't know, but they seem to have taken pains to avoid this particular pitfall.

Of course television simplifies (it is a branch of journalism, after all), but what the War and Peace season has done is to focus quite narrowly on the pity of war, and explore ranges of human feeling (fear. comradeship, loss), to show that there is nothing simple about it.

For instance, in the first Battlecries programme ("Heroes and Cowards"), an ex-RAF man who had suffered paralysing terror on night bombing raids described



Stark symbols of lasting grief: "War memorials exist because there are no graves to visit in the vicinity, or no graves to visit at all"

how he chose to continue flying. The unbearable alternative was to be wordlessly removed from the base, and branded a coward for life. So he came back and carried on — and unsurprisingly made it sound like a great relief when the plane was eventually shot down.

Was this man lacking in moral fibre? When the plane crashlanded, he pulled the engineer out of the blazing wreckage, burning himself badly in the process. Now, if you were going to simplify this story you would not have any trouble. Coward-turns-hero, hurrah. But Battlecries left the story open. He said: "I don't think much about courage as a word. I know it's there." And he seemed to have earned the right to this opinion.

Perhaps what makes these testimonies so straightforwardly moving is that the people are not being forced to remember. Repeatedly the interviewees have declared that they honestly do not need remind-

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world as we know it.

ing, because they remember these awful things every day in any case. For the viewer, this is very reassuring: and it reinforces the sense that war-testimony is something partic-ularly well suited to the medium.

elevision usually takes from people; here, it seems to be giving something back. To see the family of Bill Willson, missing since March 1944, last night tearfully visit his grave in East Germany (they didn't know where he was until the Wall came down) was to experience one of those rare moments when television actually dignifies emotion.

Whether the viewer can stand all this is another question. Other programmes on the first night of War and Peace included Testament of Youth, Oh! What a Lovely War and Paths of Glory - enough to induce shell shock in anybody, I would have thought. Next day, I could scarcely shake off the sensation that I was hanging on the old barbed wire. No Monocled Mutineer in the season, you can't help noticing - although images from it sprang to mind a few times in the Battlecries programme about deserters being shot by firing squads.

The idea of repeating Black-adder Goes Forth on Fridays (Journey's End with jokes) is brilliant, because the scripts are about people deranged by fear. The series was inspired. I like to think, by that famous line from somewhere or other: "If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs, it's possible you haven't quite grasped the situation."

The other thing good television does is tell you things you didn't know. I mean, call me stupid, but somehow I had never properly appreciated a really big fact about the world wars, which is that if you died abroad you didn't come home. I had never quite taken it in that

war memorials exist because there are no graves to visit in the vicinity, or no graves to visit at all.

Last night's Splendid Hearts focused on the RAF memorial at Runnymede, Surrey, where there is a list of 20,455 men and women killed in action with no known grave. No wonder the grief lasts forever. There was a man last night whose brother, a Spitfire pilot, had crash-landed in a river in East Sussex in 1942, and it was 44 years before the body was recovered and given a proper burial. Imagine the pain of that; the horror when the digger pulls up the personal effects. (cigarette case, cuff-links) of a relative from a depth of 30ft.

No one can tell me we only remember wars we didn't live through because we've seen them on the telly. But when telly helps you understand what it's like to live with real memories of war, it is surely doing a supremely worthwhile thing.

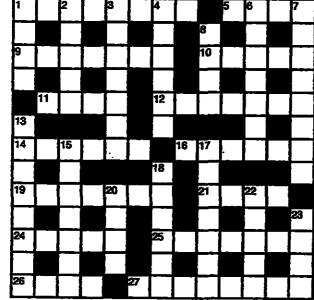
Without Walls: Dark Horses (Tuesday, Channel 4, 9pm) Having learnt in previous Dark Horses programmes that Shakespeare was gay, and that so was Michelangelo (hence his idiosyncratic depiction of women, as men with breasts stuck on), we now learn that D.H. Lawrence fits into 16 this great tradition somewhere, too. D.H. Lawrence, you say? I don't know why, but this notion cheers me up immensely. I am reminded of a great moment from the American series Soap, when Jodie (Billy Crystal) explained to his Aunt Jessica that gayness was not a new concept. "Many great men were gay," he said, "Plato, for example." "No," she gasped. "Mickey Mouse's dog was gay?"

This Lawrence programme, the last in the series, is presented by Howard Schuman, and promises to be the best of the lot. In the other programmes, people have argued that it is the inner struggle with sexuality that produces great art. In Lawrence's case, however, it must have produced something else, and personally I can't wait to find out

Open Space: The Mouthtrap (Wednesday, BBC2, 7.40pm)
I can't remember the last time I saw a formal debate on TV, but the idea of puting Andrea Dworkin against Ann Leslie of the Daily Mail in a Cambridge Union debate sounds too good to miss. The subject is political correctness, bane of the chattering classes, which for neurotic intellectuals is evidently turning the act of casual conversation into the equivalent of tiptoeing on dried sticks. Political correctness is big in America, of course, and we have imported it mainly at the level of a joke (don't say "short", say "vertically diverin ho ho). But we also hear alterning stories about people sacked from jobs for allowing the words "Red Indian" to flit across their minds, which makes us all suck our bottom lip and think "Lamme". But while opponents of PC push our faces into the hellish prospect of a linguistic thought police, they ought not to ignore the obvious good intentions that paved

Wednesday, BBC2, 9.25pm)
A classic serial! This famastically well-cast adaptation of Conrad's novel is the first proper classic serial for years, so we must all watch it diligently (whether it is good or not) to ensure that they make more, more, more. David Suchet and Cheryl Campbell head the cast. and I can't tell you how excited I am. My only regret is that I am not reviewing television for the next three months (Nigelia Lawson stands in, from November 7), so won't be able to write about it. But I shall look forward to returning in February, if they will have me back.

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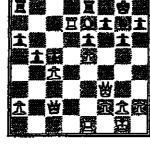
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### Drop the stuffed tiger

St Etienne vs. Top of the Pops — These Pop Theorists, eh? Not content with standing impassively behind Caitlin Moran referees a mis-match their banks and banks of keyboards and knocking out

the '90s: Peter has an improbable story about one of David Bowie's plans to call himself Screaming Lord Byron or The Thin White Duck; and Sarah Cracknell would like to add pink feathers to Bob's

We wanted a girl standing list, and can't abide "the behind us, holding a sign, like on the cover of Forbase Alpha [St Etienne's début LP]." Peter absolutely hideous way" she is treated for being blonde and pretty. St Etienne are named Wiggs, the band's token looksafter an obscure French foota-bit-like-Mickey-Dolenz-outra-the-Monkees member moans. They didn't want ball team — or they may be top in the first division; I don't follow sports, preferring in-stead to have a life — and their

"I wanted seven dancing boys under the age of 16, with long, wispy fringes," Sarah Cracknell, St Etienne's gasp-voiced singer reveals. "But I never got around to telling anyone, so I don't know whether TOTP would've banned it or not."

that, either.

Don't they realise what they're saying? They're trying to rend asunder one of the Few Truths the world is based on Top of the Pops is always boring and dull. You can't start making it look a bit interesting or anything who knows where it could end? With more viewers, perhaps. Bob used to work for Melody Maker and thinks corduroy

and velvet are the fabrics for

fabrics of the '90s

trousers and how great Kylie Sarah: "This gets picked up on a lot. One journalist thought we were elitist. y'know; unless you [the listener] like all the things we like, you can't be into our music. Thar's rubbish. It's all very reggae/dub version of Neil Young's "Only Love Can Break Your Heart" is one of tongue-in-cheek."
The band's solo LPs won't be out for a while, though, for the sweetest things ever scored into black vinyl. Now you those who were wondering. St Etienne are quite busy. First of all, there's the new single, "Avenue", currently tickling

"My solo LP's gonna be called Life With a Seal; and the cover's gonna be a picture of a man in an anorak, just holding this seal," are the first words Pete Wiggs/Mickey Dolenz says, after the phrases 'A Coke on ice" and "With the salad, please". We're sitting in a "pop-star" cafe, eating "pop-star" food in the "pop-star" area of somewhere around Charing Cross Road.

St Etienne are vaguely obsessed with "pop-stars", glitter'n'tack; and are usually

U2, and the eventual winners, Primal Scream. "We didn't really think we'd win," Bob says. "But we were positive Primal Scream would, when they were still 8-1 at the being pop's High And then there's surely the Kitsch Commis-

sioners — the cov-er of their Foxbase

Alpha LP was covered in cigar-

ette cards of Man

From Uncle and

Betty Boo: Keith

Richard's purple crushed velvet

the Top 40's fancy. Then the trio's Foxbase Alpha LP was

nominated for the Mercury Award, against Simply Red.

strangest thing to happen to the music industry this year— The Fred EP. Britain's cutest label, Heavenly, and three of their artists — country-rockers the Rockingbirds, the thuggy pop-bouncers Flowered Up, and St Etienne themselves have all contributed a cover from ultra-flamboyant Right Said Fred's repertoire, and it's all for charidee. Innat nice?

"Richard Fairbrass of Right Said Fred] is just totally lovely, nice and a little bit saucy on the side," Sarah coos. "And the video is so furny. We shot it a couple of weeks ago, and Pete [Wiggs] looks like a total pop-star. Millions of house-wives will fall in love with

St Etienne "do" "I'm Too Sexy" in their own inimitable house dubbish way and, who knows, we may yet see them perform it on Top of the Pops - perhaps with the stuffed tiger and seven wispy-fringed



More tongue in cheek than élite: starry Saint Etienne

GUILTY SECRETS: DRINY HALL

"I'VE got lots of guilty secrets. The worst is probably Beadle's About. I'm really disgusted with myself about Watching people

being set up appeals to my rather sick sense of humour. Recently, one

see a clairvoyant. She was told

the clairvoyant could transfer images from the crystal ball

on to a television screen, and

she actually believed it. It was incredible to see someone

being so gullible. I even enjoy

never put myself tially embarrassing situation, so I'm just amazed at how antagonistic people can be after their trip away. You see

these over-arrogant types bitching about some poor person who actually seemed rather sweet. I'm curious about human beings watch Blind Date as a kind of anthropological study."

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